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DAILY GAZETTE

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Remember the poor.

—'Rah for Santa Claus.

—An unprecedented number of infants are dying in Liverpool.

—Diptheria is epidemic in New York City.

—Singing schools now form a part of rural pastimes.

—If you are tired of your sweetheart this is the time of year to let her slide.

—Does St. Nicholas come down the chimney, in order to soot the children?

—The Idaho papers are pressing the Legislature of that Territory to pass a woman suffrage bill.

—Mr. John B. Gough is so ill that he has been obliged to postpone indefinitely his Western engagements.

—If it should storm on Monday, never mind. It will only be the pattering of St. Nicholas' rain, dear.

—The Duc d'Aumale, in spite of his lofty rank, is not a bit above taking pay for his articles in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*.

—It has been so cold down South this winter that in many places large quantities of ice have been cut out and stored.

—Good housekeepers hate to put off wash-day, even for Christmas. With them its "soap deferred that maketh the heart sick."

—Spilkins says he wishes every one could have a Christmas tree this evening. Thanks, Spilkins. We hope Yule have one, too.

—An able commentator remarks that the Democracy has climbed by natural stages from crow to Cronin. The last dish is worse than the first.

—About this time Washington "society" is in all its glory, and the female Washington correspondent swims in seas of bliss and adjectives.

—"Considerest thou the man who putteth no ashes on his sidewalk? Verily, the wayfaring man shall rise up, after sitting down thereon, and call him blessed."

—It is solemnly announced from Washington that the most prominent feature of the great Cronin is his nose. Hitherto his cheek has been considered most phenomenal.

—A St. Louis man, who declared that he would rather be right than be President, has been arrested for pawning his wife's ear-rings and betting the proceeds on a dog fight.

—A report is current that ex-Secretary Belknap and his wife are writing a book which will give an account of society and political life in Washington during the last five or six years.

—"I haven't fallen this winter," said he yesterday, "and I don't think the walking is so very—cuss that coal-hole cover; where's my hat? what was that I hit my head on?"

—Young Mr. Lick has returned to Pennsylvania, to procure the proper papers for a final settlement of the estate which is now pending, and he is visiting the relatives of the late James Lick with that view.

—The approach of Christmas, says the Norwich *Bulletin*, generally, promotes good feeling. A large and sympathetic crowd gathered yesterday to watch a corpulent citizen crawl over a slippery place on the sidewalk on his hands and knees.

—A New York paper says: "Sixty thousand Philadelphians will soon break up housekeeping and return their Centennial visits." And the Philadelphia papers, forgetful of the sweet charity appropriate to Christmas times, unanimously shout "you lie, you villian, you lie."

—Proctor Knott's anxiety to get hold of some one's else telegrams is in striking contrast with his conduct of last session. Then he was so careless on the subject that he forgot all about mentioning a most important dispatch which was addressed to him, but belonged to the country.

—Mrs. Fanny Kemble is described as a small and graceful lady, apparently about sixty years old. She has bright eyes, gray hair, and a beautiful complexion. Her manners to the enthusiastic strangers are extremely stately, almost tragic. She wears white dresses, and soft, white lace draperies arranged artistically about her handsome head.

—The abbreviation mania has reached such a height in the great West that a Burlington minister announced last Sunday morning that he would t. a t. (take a text) bearing on the g. b. f. (great Brooklyn fire), and that the r. m. c. (regular monthly collection) would now be taken up b. t. d. (by the deacons). The congregation s. a s. (smole a smile.)

—Burlington *Hawkeye*: A new industry has just been started in Hancock county, Me., extracting tannin from sweet fern. That may be a new thing in Maine, but many's the time when we were a boy that we extracted an excellent article of tannin from apple switches, skate straps, bits of lath, or most any little piece of bijouterie handy to the old gentleman's reach.

—The Louisville *Courier-Journal* gives a recipe for keeping down the warlike feeling which are supposed to be boiling in the breasts of some unknown persons. The first is to "count five hundred," and if that doesn't bring a more peaceable mood "think of Dr. Schliemann and Agamemnon's tomb." We should suppose that might soothe a belligerent patriot very successfully.

—If you lounge down into a rocking chair and tilt back across the toes of a man in a neat fitting boot, don't ask him if he is hurt, or say anything else calculated to make him speak, just let him stand up and smile for a few moments till he gets his voice under control. Society is used to the ghastly smile of a man with tight boots, and doesn't mind it, but the quavering tones of an anguish-stricken voice are always calculated to cast a gloom over the entire community.

—Up to date 237 Washington correspondents have written that Senator Morton has "sacrificed all hirsute adornments except his mustache," and now an astonished public is informed that the Presidential excitement "has taken all the kink out of Senator Conkling's hair," and then, as to Proctor Knott, he is said to have turned "as pale as a ball room belle" (powder?) and his complexion has "lost its violet cardinal," which is too bad, because cardinal is so fashionable now.

—Mr. Hermann Linde, the German gentleman who recites in his own language from memory, and without a single omission, half a dozen plays or more of Shakespeare, gave a long scene from "Julius Cæsar," in Baltimore, the other day, in English, and without reference to the text. It was done after merely two weeks' study, and his foreign accent was very slight. He expects to be able, after six weeks' diligent application, to recite the entire play in English, and with so little German accent as to be thoroughly agreeable to his American auditors.

—There is in Scotland, as well as at American watering places, a close connection between fishing and matrimony. The failure of the herring fishery this season has had a most depressing effect upon the matrimonial market. The decrease in marriages in the three months ending September 30 last is considerable. In the Island of Lewis, with upward of 25,000 inhabitants, there were only two marriages, and in Wick, with a population of 13,000, the number of marriages was only 13, being rather more than half the usual total. In Ross and Cromarty, with about 83,000 inhabitants, there were only 30 marriages. The fishermen, as the Pall Mall *Gazette* puts it, seem to be displaying the same kind of wiliness as the herring.

—Diaz, of Mexico, is said to possess a face of stubborn fortitude. There is even something gruff and gloomy in the contraction of his heavy eyebrows if he sinks into the deeper fits of silence; but once fairly engaged in an interesting conversation his features are lighted up by merry twinkles of humor or sparks of caustic wit, and if roused by indignation flame up in flashes of defiance that reveals the fiery soul within. The eyes of Diaz are low, that is, he has a deliberate way of gradually centering his focus of vision on your face, but after that his look assumes an intense power of scrutiny. He wears a full, black beard, rounded by nipping here and there to an average length of three inches; is above the medium height of his countrymen, but appears thick set on account of the enormous girth of his chest, and has in his walk that ponderous leonine bearing which is found among the Turks alone of all southern nations of the present day.

—The cry of hard times is heard in the land, but the crowds that have thronged the stores in the past week would seem to disprove its truth. But this crowd did not go with the heavy purses of other days, and if they were as numerous this year as any previous one, the shopkeepers did not find the large amount of money in their drawers they were wont to count at this season of the year. Modest presents have been the rule this year, and it has been a very poor person not able to make one. But we should be thankful that even this ability remains. How many are there in this merry Christmas time who sit almost hopeless, not knowing where the next meal is to come from? Never before was there such destitution as at present in this city. To appeal for such people at this time may be hackneyed, but it is a subject that never deserved more attention than at the present time. To those people this Christmas will be most melancholy. Many of them never knew want before; and when they look on their little ones and think of past days, the bitterness of their position will be all the more severely felt; and it is such persons whose wants will not be known. Brighten some sad life by your beneficence to-day.

SECOND EDITION

THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

The President Interviewed on the Situation.

Not Apprehensive of a Collision with Tilden's Followers.

He Will Recognize Whoever is Declared His Successor.

Decision of the Mandamus Case in Florida.

INVESTIGATING THE NEW YORK POSTOFFICE.

THE PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED.

His Views on the Political Situation.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—President Grant, in the course of conversation with a representative of the Associated Press, said, in reply to a question, that he had no knowledge of a Democratic armed conspiracy in the South or West, as had been reported; he had information merely of organized rifle companies outside of the State militia, but he was not apprehensive of armed collisions in connection with the Presidency, no matter what might be the fears of others. It seemed to him that the people desired only a fair count of the electoral vote in the Southern contested States in order to be satisfied of the result. The reports of the several committees now there would shed light on the true condition of affairs and would have a tendency to solve the existing difficulties. It was certainly desirable to establish the actual fact of the election of either Hayes or Tilden, for neither could feel satisfied if any doubt remained of his election, because in such case his position as President would not command the requisite general support.

The President remarked that no one could suppose that he had any connection with or relative to the declaration as to who was elected. That was not a matter for him to determine. He was anxious for the coming of the 4th of March, when he would gladly give way to his successor, and freed from official cares and before re-establishing himself at his home in Galena, Illinois, he purposed making a voyage to the West Indies, visiting Havana and other ports of interest. He had deferred his visit to Europe till June.

The President, recurring to the recent election, remarked that he should promptly recognize whoever should be declared his successor. With this his political feelings would have nothing to do. It would be recollected that several years ago, during the Gubernatorial contest in the State of Arkansas, and while both parties represented their respective cases at Washington, he recognized the Democratic in preference to the Republican, because by legal representation the former was entitled to the position. While it was true that the Presidential term commences by law on the 4th of March, it did not necessarily follow that the President should defer taking the oath of office until that time. He might take it immediately after the declaration of his election, but of course he could not enter on the performance of his duties as President until the 4th of March, the day of the retirement of his predecessor.

The President intends replying to the House resolution calling for information as to the sending of troops to the South and the authority under which he acted in all such proceedings. He said he endeavored to keep within the limits of the law, having always previous to acting consulted the Attorney General, his legal adviser, and besides, the Democratic House of Representatives during the former session of Congress, emphatically declared that all citizens of the United States should be equally protected in their rights. He further said, with regard to complaints of his sending troops to the South for the above mentioned purpose, that it would be recollected that Gen. Frank Blair wanted troops sent thither for a different object, saying in his letter to Colonel Broadhead, in June, 1865, that there was but one way to restore the Government and the Constitution, and that was for the President elect to declare the reconstruction acts null and void, and compel the army to undo the alleged usurpations at the south, and leave the white people to reorganize their own governments. Surely, said the President, if the army, according to General Blair, could be used to wipe out governments, it could, in my opinion, be employed to support them. The Democratic National Convention, after this letter written, nominated General Blair for Vice President on the ticket with Governor Seymour. The Republican State governments at the South had nothing to expect from the Democrats. Under their rule all such governments would fade out, as in Mississippi, where General Ames was legally elected Governor, but was ordered to vacate the office, and is now a fugitive from the State.

FLORIDA.

Action of the Supreme Court.

TALLAHASSEE, December 23.—The Supreme Court met at noon to-day. The counsel for the board withdrew the motion made yesterday that be allowed to answer. The court made the writ peremptory, and ordered the board to reanvass the vote by the 26th inst. and file a report of their action on that day, and then took a recess until four o'clock to make its record.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The *Times* has the following:

TALLAHASSEE, December 24.—The decision of the Supreme Court in the mandamus case was delivered at 5:30 o'clock on Friday last. It enforces the doctrine that all questions of irregularity or fraud in the election are judicial, belonging to the courts, and not to the Board of State Canvassers, unless the returns are not regular or genuine. Thus, if the inspectors at a poll stuff the box and change the result, and they duly certify the result of their act, and the county canvassers send up a return in due form, such returns are genuine for any purposes of the State Board. Hence the court orders the Manatee county returns to be counted, where the pretended election was conducted with no more regard to legal forms than the action of a street mob. Jackson county is ordered to be counted, where at every precinct voters were compelled to pass their ballots up into windows seven feet from the ground, and where there is the clearest evidence that the Republican votes cast were not counted, but Democratic ballots were stuffed in their stead. Monroe county is also ordered to be counted, when it is admitted by the precinct inspectors themselves that they adjourned on the night of the election to a place two miles distant in order to wait the result at other precincts and ascertain how much was necessary for them to add to give a Democratic majority in the county. Hamilton county is ordered to be counted, who were all Democrats, and not Republicans, as has been asserted, deserted the polling places and let others, some candidates for the State Legislature, count the ballots and get up a certificate of the result. All these gross frauds and irregularities are ignored, and the counties are to be canvassed unpurged, because on their face the returns are regular and genuine. It is the opinion of the best lawyers here that there is neither law, justice nor sense in the order of the court. They say that the statutes give the board power to exclude the fraud-tainted precincts. That is its meaning, or it means nothing. This decision is inconsistent with itself in its various propositions, for it asserts the power of the board to consider evidence outside the returns in one sentence and denies it in another. It also denies the exercise of discretion on the part of the board, yet says that the statute of 1872 was passed to give the board more scope for the exercise of discretion. The order, however, is generally considered here as settling the proposition that a return, fair on its face, signed by the proper officer at the proper time, must be counted, no matter what frauds it conceals. But if it is so ambiguous and uncertain in any of its statements that the actual vote cast or asserted by it to be cast is in doubt, then the county affected by such returns must be excluded. The board cannot go back to the precinct returns or anywhere else to correct it. So, also, if there are two or more returns from a county, the board must take the one regular on its face and reject all consideration of the others. These principles, applied by the State Board, will give all the counties above named to the Democrats, will restore to the Democrats and Republicans respectively all the single votes thrown, and deduct all that were added. It will also compel the board to count the returns from Baker county, signed by the county judge, sheriff and justice of the peace, which would give a net majority for Hayes in the State of forty-four votes.

The decision of the Court and the mandate that follows it strictly apply to the Governorship, and no other officer. The board are ordered to reassemble and canvass to the office of Governor alone. The electoral vote is not affected by it, and is not decided, therefore, that the Democrats are entitled on the electoral votes to the fruits of their frauds. But were this otherwise it would give them these fruits. The decision gives the State to Hayes for President, and this was undoubtedly what was contemplated by the count. Obedience to the mandate of the Court would give the State to the Democrats, and it does not now seem that anything can prevent this result.

The utmost consternation prevails here among the Republicans. It is especially apparent in the colored people, who are disposed to look at the situation under Democratic rule as little better than that of slavery. All day yesterday and to-day crowds of them might be seen at every corner, bewailing their fate, and giving expression to their feelings of regret in ways that would not fail to awaken the deepest sympathy and commiseration. There is scarcely a white Republican in the State who has taken any part in politics who will not be made bankrupt by the result. The whole burden of the campaign has been borne exclusively by them, and they staked everything on the issue of the contest. If the decision gives victory to their enemies, and they have now to choose between leaving the State or remaining here and enduring social ostracism and persecution which Democratic hate and malignity will suggest.

ELECTORAL QUESTIONS.

Virginia Contrasted with Oregon—Mr. Ferry Withholds Receipts.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—Senator Morton's Committee on Privileges and Elections has discovered that one of the Democratic electors in Virginia was disqualified by holding the office of Centennial Commissioner at the time of the election. The Governor commissioned him spite of this fact, instead of giving the certificate to the highest candidate on the Republican ticket, according to the theory of Governor Gregon. The elector resigned, and allowed the college to fill the vacancy. It does not appear, however, that the Republican who ought to have had the place, according to the logic of Senator Bogy, organized himself as the Electoral College and cast the vote of the State.

Mr. Ferry, President of the Senate, has not undertaken, as some partisans predicted he would, to decide in advance upon the validity of the electoral vote of any State which is presented to him. Mr. Dennis, of South Carolina, who brought the vote of that State cast by the Republican electors, obtained no receipt from Mr. Ferry which he could use as a voucher in obtaining his mileage at the Treasury Department. Mr. Ferry inquires of the messenger of each State whether any contest exists. Whenever the reply is that a contest does exist he refuses to give the regular receipt which messengers from other States obtain.

LOUISIANA.

Rumored Coalition.

NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—Rumors are current here of a coalition between Warmoth, Pinchback and the Democrats, by which the Democratic Legislature is to elect them to the United States Senate, and they are in return therefor to assist the Democrats in installing Nichols as Governor. Prominent Republicans deny it positively, and say that it would be impossible for either party to carry out the contract.

The Testimony Thus Far Taken.

NEW ORLEANS, December 23.—The *Republican* says in reference to the testimony taken before the sub-committee of the House, of which Mr. Blackburn is chairman, that the testimony before the Returning Board on which the board acted was from six different witnesses, nearly all of whom were cross-examined by Democratic counsel, and while these witnesses proved specific cases of intimidation and violence, none have been produced before the sub-committee to transverse these specific allegations, nor have the parties charged with being guilty been produced to deny the accusations, and that the Democratic testimony brought before the House Committee thus far consists of a general impeachment of the credibility of the witnesses and general proof of a quiet and peaceable election. The question from a Republican standpoint now is whether the evidence brought before the Returning Board, and not contradicted before the board, was sufficient to justify them in their action in the premises.

Mr. Hewitt's Complaint.

NEW YORK, December 23.—At a meeting of the Congressional Investigating Committee to-day, Chairman Cox said a whole week had been exhausted with nothing to show, and he did not intend to have his committee made a laughing stock.

Mr. McLaughlin asked Mr. Cox how he came to be chairman of the committee, which question Mr. Cox refused to answer, when Mr. McDougall moved a recess and the election of a chairman.

The motion was lost, and the dull inquiry proceeded.

The dull inquiry and lively colloquy ended, the matter of opening in the New York postoffice of letters addressed to Mr. Hewitt, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was begun, and Mr. Hewitt took the witness chair. He repeated what he said in the House of Representatives after Representative Platt introduced the resolution of inquiry.

Postmaster James declined to ask Mr. Hewitt any questions.

Mr. James Gaylor, Superintendent of the City Delivery Department, and for many years the detector of irregularities, showed how it was impossible to commit the crime, and James Youmans, Superintendent of the out-of-town mails, testified that the Congress mail goes direct to the Postmaster of the House.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

Surrender of Fugitive Criminals.

Brent having been surrendered, the Department of State has notified the British Minister that the President is prepared to respond to and to make requisitions for the surrender of fugitive criminals under the treaty of 1842.

The President, in an interview, seemed pleased with the action of the British Government in retiring from its position on the extradition clause in the treaty of 1842 by surrendering Brent, the Louisville forger, remarking that the treaty, which was suspended, is thus revived, and hereafter he would be prepared to respond to requisitions from the British Government for fugitive criminals. The entire correspondence between the two governments will be transmitted to Congress on Wednesday. The President said the treaty of 1794 with Great Britain provided only for the extradition of persons charged with murder or forgery, but in the treaty of 1852 the number of offences was increased so as to include piracy, arson, robbery or the utterance of forged paper. The number, he thought, might be still further increased, not, however, to include desertion from the army or navy.

The Texas Pacific Road.

The railway kings, Scott and Huntington, it is said, have joined hands and compromised on a plan which they believe will insure the building of the Texas Pacific Railroad, and with its connection with the Southern Pacific, now building in Southeast California, form a new line of railway to the Pacific Ocean. The details of this agreement are quite voluminous, but are based on a proposition that the Texas Pacific shall build 100 miles west of El Paso, and that the Southern Pacific shall build east over the Sierra Nevada range, through the pass of San Gorgonia, from the point of connection. Freight and passenger rates are to be pro rated, and the line is to be, practically, one through line. The bill pending from the last session of Congress is to be so changed that the Government will be asked to guarantee the interest on the first mortgage bonds of the company, and to exercise absolute control whenever it deems it necessary over the charges for freight and passengers. A sub-committee is engaged in framing the bill to meet the views of the compromise.

Blaine.

Senator Blaine has gone to Maine to look after his election to the Senate for the term beginning March 4, next. It is understood that Secretary Morrill is in the hands of friends, but will make no determined contest for Mr. Blaine's place. The chances are that Mr. Blaine will succeed himself, his constituents holding that it would be unfair to elect any one else, since Mr. Blaine would not have relinquished his seat in the House of Representatives had he supposed his Senatorial term of service would have expired on the 4th of March next.

A Twelve Thousand Dollar Robbery

A few days ago a package of $12,000 was sent from the Treasury to a Chicago National Bank, in exchange for fractional currency. When the package was opened, however, it was found to contain nothing but brown paper. Where the robbery was committed and by whom, is troubling the Secret Service force just now.

Mr. Tilden's "Policy."

The visit of the Caucus Advisory Committee to New York is for the purpose, it is stated, of counsel with Tilden, who has prepared a policy which he wishes them to consider. Precisely what his policy is is not known; but it is known that he is strongly convinced that he is elected President, and is determined to be inaugurated.

DIVORCED BY DEATH.

Sensational Domestic Tragedy in Richmond, Indiana—Proceedings in Court Abruptly Terminated by the Suicide of the Defendant—Suspicions that Murder Was Part of the Programme.

RICHMOND, IND., December 23.—Henry H. Sonnickson, proprietor of the Indiana House, on Main street, between Pearl and Front streets, committed suicide at nine o'clock this morning. The cause which led to this act was an application for divorce, made to the Wayne Circuit Court by Mrs. Sonnickson, who claimed that, owing to dissipated habits, her husband was unable to maintain her. The case was set for trial this morning. Yesterday Mr. Sonnickson, in an interview with his wife, tried to have her withdraw her application for divorce, saying she would do so if she knew what was best for her, and intimated that he would give her considerable trouble. When urged by his lawyer to have his witnesses all ready, he said the case would not be tried to-day.

Mr. Sonnickson was in his son Louie's room at an early hour this morning, the boy being his only child, aged ten years, by a previous marriage. At a little after 8 o'clock Sonnickson passed his wife in the hotel doorway without speaking, asked to have a few moments' conversation with Louie, whom he sat upon his knee for several moments.

When Mrs. Sonnickson was ready to go to the Court house, the little boy asked to accompany her. To this the father objected at first, but finally consented, and the mother and child went out.

The father then got his breech-loading shot-gun, and while conversing with a gentleman in the sitting-room of the house about hunting, proceeded to load the gun, and then leisurely went up stairs.

Mrs. Sonnickson's eldest boy soon after saw his step-father in the parlor with the gun resting against the wall. Passing down stairs the boy met his mother, who, in passing the parlor door, which was ajar, saw smoke issuing from the room, and entering saw her husband sitting in a large arm chair, the gun upon the floor, covered with blood.

The wife only had time to say, "Henry, how did you do it?" when her husband slightly raised his eyes and expired. She screamed and assistance came speedily.

Coroner Byer, who was absent at Hagerstown, holding an inquest, was promptly notified of the tragedy, and some additional facts may be elicited at his inquest. It was apparent, by a close examination of the room, that Mr. Sonnickson placed the butt of the gun upon the floor, holding it in an upright position with his knees, and pressed the fatal trigger with a short stick laying beside the gun.

The widow Sonnickson thinks that her late husband contemplated the murder of his son Louie as well as his own suicide, but his accompanying her to the Court-house prevented a double tragedy.

There are many rumors afloat that the gun had been loaded for the purpose of murder, and that the fatal shot was accidental, but the position of the corpse, sitting upright in the arm-chair, the short stick by the side of the discharged gun, and all would indicate suicide as a speedy means of divorce.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The New Turkish Constitution.

THE GRAND VIZIER ON THE PEACE QUESTION.

The First Sitting of the Plenary Conference.

ANOTHER REVOLUTION IN SAN DOMINGO.

THE WAR CLOUD.

The Grand Vizier on the Peace Question.

LONDON, December 23.—A dispatch from Constantinople states that Midhat Pasha, the newly appointed Grand Vizier, in conversation with the Marquis of Salisbury, said: The Turks have decided to accept no terms giving exclusive administration to Bulgaria, Bosnia or Herzegovina. We intend, he said, giving large reforms to our subjects, even to Turks who with you do not count. Europe asks us to cut our throats. We must trouble Europe to do it for us if they are to be cut. We come here a small number. If we go away we go as we come, leaving England to cover the graves of those left behind.

Bulgarian Occupation by Belgians.

BRUSSELS, December 23.—It is positively stated that serious negotiations are still proceeding for the occupation of Bulgaria by Belgian troops.

The New Turkish Constitution.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 23.—The new Turkish constitution was solemnly proclaimed to-day. It consists in substance of the following provisions: The Empire is indivisible. The Sultan is Caliph of the Mussulmans and Sovereign of all the Ottomans. His prerogatives are those of the constitutional sovereigns of the west. Subjects of the Empire are called Ottomans. Their liberty is inviolable. Islamism is the religion of the State, but it shall not have any other distinction of a theocratic character. Religious privileges of communities and the free exercise of public worship by all creeds are guaranteed. Liberty of the press and freedom of education are granted. Primary education is compulsory. The right of association and the right of petition to the Chambers are accorded. All individuals are equal in the eyes of the law. All are eligible to public offices, irrespective of religion. Taxes are to be equally divided. Special laws are indispensable to authorize their collection. The rights of property are guaranteed. The domicile is inviolable. The functions of tribunals are defined. No one may be deprived of his natural judges. Legal proceedings are to be public. Rights of defence are recognized. All judgments are to be published. The ministry has no right to interfere in judicial matters. The confiscation statute, labor, torture and inquisition are prohibited. Ministerial responsibility is established. Ministers impeached by the Chamber will be judged by a high court, consisting of the chief judicial and administrative functionaries. No public official can be dismissed without legitimate grounds. Their responsibility is maintained, and they cannot be released from it by the fact of having received orders from a superior if those orders are contrary to law. Two Chambers will be instituted, a Chamber of Deputies and a Senate. They will receive messages from the Sultan, and have the freedom of voting and expressing opinions. The system of imperative mandate is prohibited. The initiative of framing laws belong to the Ministers and Chamber of Deputies. Laws submitted by the Chamber of Deputies and revised by the Senate require the imperial sanction. The Senate can reject laws contrary to the constitution. Judges and functionaries are irremovable. A court of accounts, which is irremovable except by a vote of the Chamber of Deputies, will annually present to the Chamber a complete financial account. The provincial administration will be on the broadest basis of decentralization. General and municipal councils are to be formed by election. Finally, the constitution is only to be modified by a vote of both Chambers and the sanction of the Sultan.

Servian Apology.

VIENNA, December 23.—Servia has most readily rendered complete satisfaction for firing on the Austrian steamer Maros at Belgrade. The Austrian flag was solemnly saluted to-day.

The Plenary Conference

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 24.—The first sitting of the plenary conference was held yesterday. Sarfet Pasha presided, and in an address opening the conference referred to the liberal views of the Porte. He said the Porte was ready to grant to its subjects all privileges which were not contrary to the dignity and integrity of the empire. The first business was the formal verification of the credentials of the plenipotentiaries, which was completed. During the sitting Salvos of artillery were heard. Sarfet Pasha explained that these salutes were fired to announce the promulgation of the Constitution, which would effect a complete change in the state of Turkey. An analysis of the results of the preliminary conference was afterwards presented to Sarfet Pasha, who asked for time to examine the documents. The conference will probably meet again next Thursday, when the question of prolonging the armistice will be discussed. It is thought probable that a prolongation of fifteen days will be proposed, and the conference will then adjourn until Saturday, on account of the Mohammedan festivals.

The Russian Sanitary Service.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 24.—The Red Cross Society announces that the Czar, having granted permission, subscriptions will be received for the benefit of the sanitary service of the mobilized army.

Turkish Loyalty.

LONDON, December 25.—A telegram from Constantinople reports that Midhat Pasha daily receives addresses from Musselmans offering to sacrifice life and fortune for the integrity of the empire.

The new constitution ordains that deputies shall be elected by secret ballots, and senators appointed for life by the Sultan.

Russian Preparations.

A dispatch from Bucharest says great preparations are making at Kischeneff for the march of the Russian army.

The Russian Socialists.

A Vienna correspondent reports that a large number of prisoners of both sexes, some of whom have been in jail seven months, will be tried at Moscow in January for participation in the Socialist conspiracy.

WEST INDIES.

Another Revolution in San Domingo.

HAVANA, December 24.—The English mail steamer from St. Adams, December 17, brings advices from the city of San Domingo to December 10th. Another revolution had taken place in San Domingo. President Gonzales, who was called back to power when President Ezthalat was deposed, again resigned his office on the 9th inst., and embarked for Layaguz, Porto Rico. This event was the result of a general rising of the Baezist party in the streets of San Domingo. Fighting followed and continued several days. When President Gonzales heard that the Northern provinces had likewise risen against him he resigned to prevent further bloodshed and retired to the United States Consulate, whence he took passage for Porto Rico. Immediately after his resignation a provisional Government was organized, and a vessel dispatched to Curacoa, where ex-President Baez resides, to convey to him the news of his restoration to the Presidency. It is affirmed that the principal cause of Gonzales' resignation was the treason of Gen. Villanevua, whom the President had always considered his best friend and firmest supporter. When Gonzales heard that the General had joined the revolution against him he gave up the struggle. Commerce was completely paralyzed by these events, and money was scarce.

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GREAT BRITAIN.

The Geneva Award.

LONDON, December 23.—The *Times* says: The United States Congress is perfectly within its competence in considering how the surplus money of the Geneva award shall be appropriated. Indemnity was paid for losses which the United States as a whole was held to have sustained, not what individuals proved to have sustained. It would be too much, perhaps, to expect any conscience in Congress sensitive enough to inquire whether the Geneva award was too high, and consequently that a portion of the unappropriated balance might be returned. We would be sorry to see such delicate questions raised, interesting as it would be.

FRANCE.

Clemency to Communists.

PARIS, December 23.—The sentences of sixty-one more Communist convicts have been remitted or commuted.

Appropriations for the Clergy.

VERSAILLES, December 23.—The Senate to-day passed the public worship estimates, restoring the salary of the clergy, which had been reduced by the Chamber of Deputies. The Senate also reinserted the grant for seminary scholarships, which was likewise suppressed by the Chamber.

GOSSIP FROM THE CAPITAL.

A Racy Letter from a Society Correspondent.

Berghman-Laughton Wedding—German—Fashionable Weddings—Mrs. Dahlgren, &c.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—On Wednesday at 12 o'clock Madame Berghmans was united by marriage to Mr. Laughton, Clerk to the Alabama Claims Commission. The ceremony was performed at her elegant residence in the presence of about twenty persons, including President and Mrs. Grant, Surgeon General and Mrs. Barnes, Secretary and Mrs. Fish, and others well known in official and social circles. Her dress, of cashmere and silk, was happily chosen, and she never looked better. There was a sumptuous collation, and at 1 o'clock the bride and groom left for a brief visit to Philadelphia, whence they will return in time for a "New Year's reception." This is a match that fills the friends of both parties with apprehension for their future happiness. There is so great a disparity in their ages as to afford ample ground for the indulgence of fears. The difference in fortune has been happily adjusted by the settlement of $12,000 per annum on the groom. I have described Madame Laughton in a former letter, and it is unnecessary for me to repeat myself more than to say she is *not* pretty, but is very, very clever; a good linguist, fine musician, brilliant conversationist and is well read. She has a superb house, filled with every article of *vertu* that money can buy; gives delightful dinners and has infinite tact in the bidding of her guests; and has charming receptions, attended by the *creme de la creme* of society. Mr. Laughton is very *distingue* in appearance, quite a beau, and it is whispered that more than one fair *demoiselle* mourns in secret the wedding of their beau ideal, and declare—

> "Their days are in the yellow leaf,
> The flowers and fruits of love are gone;
> The worm, the canker and the grief
> Are theirs alone."

A Sensation in Fashionable Life

is the "last row" at the German. Every one dearly loves a dish of gossip, even though 'tis but a fly broken on the wheel of scandal, and as the ladies, God bless them, like the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, I'll tell what rumor gives: At Wormley's, which is a hotel kept by a famous colored caterer, and the favored resort of all others for foreigners, is Mrs. Mulligan—her name is not Mulligan, but it will do,—her *bonne* and four *enfants*. She is the sister-in-law of a Judge in the Supreme Court, very young, extremely pretty and entirely fascinating. The husband, now a millionaire, was formerly a porter at the Astor House, New York, and acquired his fortune honestly in California. The lady has been living in Nice for three years, and while there entertained frequently and royally our officers who happened to be stationed at that European Newport. Hearing that their former generous hostess was in town, the officers of the German thought it a polite courtesy to bid her to their entertainment, and provide her with an escort and partner. The former she declined, for her husband was expected from San Francisco that evening, and would accompany her, but the latter she was pleased to accept. He was selected and introduced, a young officer of unquestionable character, charming in manners, and reckoned by mammas with marriageable daughters an excellent *parti*. The husband failing to put in an appearance, the brother-in-law, Judge Meadows, which isn't his name, escorted her to the ball. He, as every one knows, is one of the most courtly among courteous men, and with his wife, always welcomed in every "gathering" of the gay world. Lieutenant John (I don't know his name) met Madame, introduced her to the two ladies who were doing the honors, (Mrs. Taft and Miss Cameron), showed her to her seat, and when the "Blue Danube" commenced, took her *pour le valse*—this he did once, twice, thrice, but the fourth time he came to take a turn, she drew herself up and said, "Excuse me, I do not know you, sir." This she repeated several times, and finally left the hall. You, my dear, stupid *Commercial*, who live in such an atmosphere of *elegantes*, can not imagine how furiously our social pot can boil when once started, or how we can dissect each the other when a chance offers—and this opportunity was no exceptional one to be lost. There was an impromptu indignation meeting held. I have not seen the resolutions, but hear they are severe. Of course the young man felt very badly, but I say there must be an explanation of some sort by which madame will justify herself. Probably in Nice it was not reckoned nice to dance more than once with a strange partner. Or yielding to the influence of a spell cast about him by the entrancing music, by the delicious odors from the throats of a thousand blossoms, and the loveliness of his partner—for she is pretty—the young man may have been rash enough to have whispered those old lines—

> "Fain would I speak the thoughts I bear to thee,
> But they do choke and flutter in my throat,
> And make me like a child."

Be this as it may, army and navy circles are quite fluttered by the breeze.

The wedding of Miss Bassett with Mr. Gorham, for many years Secretary of the Senate, is announced. He is a native of Connecticut; was nominated in 1867 for Governor of the Golden State, but, as there was then no returning board, was not counted in. Miss Bassett is a daughter of a clerk in the Sixth Auditor's office, Mr. David Bassett. The bride is not pretty, but is very much beloved for qualities of mind and heart. Her dress was of satin and made, as all such dresses are, *en traine*, high corsage, lace and orange flowers. The bridesmaids also wore silk with drapery of some diaphanous material over. There was a reception for intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Gorham will return to the city about the 8th of January. The presents were simply superb. Those from the Golden State were three: A cabinet, lined with pink satin, containing every variety of small silver, and cost $900. Another case of Turkey morocco, contained a variety of knives, forks, cork screws, champagne cutter, &c., and a set of solitaire diamond ear-rings. Those articles are on exhibition at Galt's jewelry store. There were one hundred other gifts, but our space does not permit us to enumerate them. The Senators sent a massive silver salver and fruit urn.

Miss Porter,

daughter of Mr. Porter, Assistant City Postmaster and Chandler's left bower, will be married on the 26th, at the Episcopal Church, to Mr. Munson, of New York. After the ceremony there will be a wedding breakfast at the Riggs, with covers for twenty. The trousseau of this young lady has been on exhibition for two days at the parlors of a prominent Avenue *modiste*, who invited the inspection of the public through the press. I hear it was magnificent, and that scores went to behold the ball costumes, carriage robes, dinner dresses, and morning wrappers, rich laces, with an endless quantity of *lingerie*, all of which was displayed—the taste of such an *expose*, to say the least, very questionable.

Mrs. Dahlgren

opened her house to-night to the Literary Society, of which Judge Drake, Chief Justice of the Court of Claims, is President.

Mrs. Dahlgren deserves special credit for the *esprit de corps* which she conveys to this society, and but for her it would long since have died out. Each alternate Saturday she devotes to them the entire first floor of her house, large drawing-room, reception room, parlor, music room; and in the dining rooms has served a delicious supper. The members have no expense whatever, and, besides enjoying the meeting with particular friends, are favored with the acquaintance of a distinguished *artist, savan, actor* or *actress* or musician who may be for a few days in town. For all this kindness the only privilege accorded Mrs. Dahlgren is that of inviting guests to the number of fifty, which she does, selecting them from among people of the highest culture in the social world, and each evening inviting a different set.

RAYMONDE.

The Quickest Ocean Trip on Record.

QUEENSTOWN, December 24.—The steamship Britannic, Capt. Thompson, from New York December 16th, arrived here at 1:30 this morning, making the passage in seven days and thirteen hours, the quickest on record.

Marine News.

LONDON, December 23.—The steamships Algeria, and Frisia from New York, and Ohio, from Philadelphia, have arrived out.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Arrived—The steamship Pennsylvania from Hamburg.

Shooting Match.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.—Captain Bogardus and Cuthenden Robinson shot a pigeon match yesterday, sixty single birds at twenty-one yards, forty double at eighteen, boundary eighty yards. Bogardus killed fifty-one single and Robinson fifty; Bogardus double thirty-three and Robinson twenty seven.

The Congressional Printer

Has asked for a deficiency appropriation of $350,000. The deficiency is due to the printing of the reports of the numerous investigations of last season.

ELECTIONS.

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WE will cheerfully give some inside views of the manner in which a certain party acted, when the electoral vote for this State was being cast at Harrisburg on receiving reasonable provocation. "There's millions in it."

AS TILDEN'S long arm can be traced in the operations of Governor GROVER, of Oregon, how would it do to investigate the decision of the Supreme Court of Florida. Where courts interfere in matters that are not judicial, but purely political, and attempt to control results, it is time they were investigated.

THE *Monthly Elevator* comes to us this month fresh, spicy, and interesting. It is the best number issued. The editors propose to visit different sections in the interest of an increase of circulation. We hope they will be accorded abundant help. The *Elevator* is the organ of the colored people, but is eminently deserving of patronage at the hands of whites. We commend it to our friends.

THE State Supreme Court of Florida orders a recount of the vote in that State, as actually cast; and then in a precipitate, not to say cowardly manner adjourns *sine die.* This is equivalent to ordering a count in the interest of Democratic State officials and TILDEN. It also assumes to order illegal votes to be counted, that are in the interest of the Democratic party. Of course, such a mandate will be obeyed!

ON the first of January the Viceroy of India will celebrate, in the ancient city of Delhi, the accession of Queen VICTORIA to the title of Empress of India. Already the native Princes are gathering in large numbers, attended by their followers, and prepared to invest the occasion with unusual splendor. Whatever be their feeling, they are compelled to recognize the investiture, and join in the *eclat* of the occasion. It is intended to make it the grand event of English rule in India. The absence of the Empress, and the investment by proxy must deteriorate from the impressiveness of the occasion.

VARIETY is said to be the spice of life, and as a contrast to the many commendatory letters respecting the course of the GAZETTE on political affairs, we have a note of warning, that unless we change our views or move to Mexico, we must take the consequences. Our kind friend does not propose to submit to HAYES' inauguration, particularly when his election was "concocted by such contemptible scoundrels as the CAMERONS, CHANDLERS, MACKEY, BELKNAP, BABCOCK, SHEPHERD, and others." This is certainly bad enough. But as we have met denunciatory and crack-brained Democrats face to face, even recently, we fear we must decline to be frightened by paper pellets. We propose to see HAYES inaugurated, and "take the consequences."

THERE is one peculiarity about the GRIER affair that will reflect unfavorably on Mr. SCHOYER, unless satisfactorily explained. It was stated, professedly on his authority, that GRIER'S return would result in the implication of a hitherto unsuspected party, who received considerable amounts of the water bond money. Now it is declared the report is false, and the money went among the stockholders of the Nation Trust Company. We will be glad if the honest outcome of the affair will impeach the good name of no one, but the report mentioned had its influence in procuring for GRIER a conditional pardon. If his statement does not bear out Mr. SCHOYER'S affirmations, it will reflect severely on the latter. We will watch the result with considerable interest. A square, open statement of that whole business is wanted, and no dodging, of any sort.

THE Roman Catholic authorities in Italy propose to celebrate the anniversary of the humiliation of HENRY IV., Emperor of Germany, on the 25th of January next. The "great moral triumph at Canossa" it is termed,—this event of eight hundred years ago. It simply consisted in the fulmination of an excommunication against HENRY, and the absolution of all his subjects from their oath of allegiance. The result was that HENRY was compelled to cross the Alps in winter, and stand three days before the castle gate, in the winter's snow, barefoot, and clothed in white linen. On the fourth day he was admitted to the presence of the Pope, who granted him absolution on the most rasping conditions. This is the "moral triumph" that is to be celebrated. Doubtless the idea of celebrating it is a piece of paltry revenge, growing out of a remark made by BISMARCK in 1873, "We shall not go to Canossa again." It was the expression of the idea that in the war with Catholicism then inaugurated, the Emperor of Germany would not again humiliate himself before the Pope. As a return the Pope, in his impotent rage, proposes to flaunt the original humiliation in the face of the Emperor of Germany. The facts of history consulted, the Roman Church would go slow in celebrating this anniversary. HENRY, caught unprepared by the Pope's excommunication, humiliated himself to save his throne, but right after he took a bloody revenge for the indignity. Reestablishing his authority at home, he marched a strong army to Rome, deposed the Pope, and appointed another in his stead. Does the great "moral triumph" include its sequels? If so, the celebration of the anniversary, will include the forecasting of the downfall of the Pope's power.

DURING the Presidential canvass, we stated our belief that TILDEN was a railway wrecker, and a practical swindler. One or two quasi Republican papers of this city, that stood ready to land on the Democratic side of the fence if TILDEN were elected, were officious in denying all such things. Some additional evidence now comes to light on that question. When the facts as to the suit of HENRY H. BOODY against SAMUEL J. TILDEN, to recover $34,873.80 grabbed in Northwestern Railroad stock-job, were made public, it was promptly denied as a campaign lie, and the public was assured that at the proper time Mr. TILDEN would fully explain the matter, completely vindicating himself. The facts charged, it will be remembered, were that TILDEN, who was a Director in the Northwestern Company, entered into a pooling arrangement with BOODY and others whereby the stock of the Galena Union Railroad Company was to be bought up and unloaded to the Northwestern at a handsome profit, which Mr. TILDEN was to share. That is, as Director and Trustee for the stockholders of his company, Mr. TIDDEN proposed to prostitute his position to skin his stockholders in the transaction for his own profit. In the suit, BOODY further alleges that when the transaction was complete TILDEN proceeded to skin his associates of the pool out of $26,000 of the profits. Now, the proper time for Mr. TILDEN to set up his answer seems to have come, for he has filed it. And that answer, which was to be his full vindication, so long promised, is that the suit against him is barred by the statute of limitations—not that the facts alleged in BOODY'S bill are untrue, but that BOODY'S claim is so old that it can't be sued on.

CHRISTMAS.

The anniversary of the Christ-birth greets us once more, and will be celebrated with its customary festivals, social reunions, the interchange of presents, and the enjoyment of good cheer. Whatever authenticity the day may have, as an historical event, its acceptance as a holiday, commemorative of the birth of the Lord is universal, and the event is of more consequence than the date. It has grown to be the great holiday of the year. Of all the red letter days in the year Christmas is the rosiest, and comes to us in the snow, smiling like a child's face peeping out of warm furs. What should it be if not merry? Other holidays have their especial merits, but Christmas excels them all in richness and variety. It is the oldest of all our great festivals, and the holiest and happiest associations cluster around it. It is covered with the ivy of nearly two thousand years, and with its solemn antiquity are blended the memories of childhood. Forever old, and yet forever young, Christmas rules the year with the double sceptre of sweet religion and innocent joy. Its picturesqueness is charming, for it comes in the winter like a rose which blossoms in the snow. It is the child of the North and the nursling of winter. And in Australia, where it is celebrated in the season of flowers, it must be more like May day than its own dear self. The pleasures of summer holidays are sought abroad, but those of Christmas are found at home. Its flowers bloom by the fireside; its tree is the ever green pine; its fruits are like those enchanted gems which ALADDIN plucked in the magician's cave. The winds may race over the snow like wolves on the Arctic desert, the rivers be frozen and the skies dark with clouds, but the cold without only increases the warmth within. This contrast is essential to Christmas, and the sterner the reign of winter the more beautiful is the summer of the heart, the softer and sweeter the happiness of home.

In our free holiday talks with our readers we have never discussed the origin and history of this delightful festival; and probably, as serving to point the moral we shall seek to impress, we may properly glance over the past, with its many associations of history. The observance of a festival in commemoration of Christ's birth can be traced to decretal letters issued by Pope TELESPHORUS, who died A. D. 138, and therefore the festival was formally known in the second century of the Christian Era. It was at this period, however, a memorable festival. In the fourth century, ST. CYRIL, of Jerusalem, obtained from Pope JULIUS I. an order for the investigation of the date of Christ's birth, and the result of the labors of the commission was the fixing of the 25th of December as the day. We are well aware of the fact that the historical records and determinations of that period have been involved in terrible disputes; but certainly the festival has been observed from that period down to the present. Singularly, in the decline of vital Christianity, this festival always was maintained, and even spread among non-Christian and even heathen nations, and was adapted to their sympathies and customs. As early as the fifteenth century Christmas carols were published by the English and Welsh. On the continent, and particularly in Italy and France, the night preceding Christmas was given up to grotesque saturnalia, termed "December Liberties," which were a burlesque of everything serious. In Germany, and the North of Europe, Christmas eve is devoted to the giving of presents, and setting up of the Christmas tree. After the distribution of the presents, the parents usually reveal to the children what they have observed, faulty or praiseworthy in their conduct during the year. In North German villages, even yet, the *Knecht Rupert* visits each house, and distributes the presents. He is the original of our far-famed Santa Claus. The English yule log, wassail bowls, punch drinking and merry-making generally, are well known. The Christmas feast beginning with soused boar's head, is also the feature. The Druids are thought to have originated evergreen decorations, which are still continued. Thus Christmas has been a great festival, for nearly two thousand years past.

In the higher relations of this anniversary, it is amply suggestive of grateful and benevolent thought. The mission that brought the CHRIST to earth was of the highest benevolence. Man, fallen, ruined, with no self-redemptive power could only be saved through him. No combination, even of good men, could save another not good, as the law demanded perfect obedience, and beyond this none could go. CHRIST was the only hope, as he embodied freedom from taint, and could not only meet the demands of the law, but could offer his life as a ransom for others,—the law having no claims on him. Thus he came, not for the good, but for all, his life being one unceasing sacrifice in the highest line of benevolence, he commending his love to us in that he died for sinners. We celebrate to-day his birth, because of what he was to us, if the right spirit controls us. In doing this, another thought is to be considered.

Can we better testify our reverence and gratitude to Him, than by deeds of benevolence to others? Our city is unusually filled with suffering poor. For many years the hand of poverty has not so heavily pressed on the masses, as it does to-day. Many who have hitherto lived in comfort, now realize the pinchings of want. Others during the summer found employment at wages so low that they could not possibly save money; and with the loss of work in the coming winter, they are made to feel the oppression of want. We have many such around us. The lesson of the day is, forget not the poor. Out of your abundance help them; and from your little divide them a portion. This is the call of duty and benevolence. But the lesson goes farther. The fallen are raised up; the weak strengthened, and the sinful restored. Just what is the particular duty of any one, in this respect, we do not undertake to say. The scope of the Divine recognition of deeds of benevolence is almost boundless. A cup of cold water, to a suffering, fever broken child, given in the spirit of benevolence is not without reward. A visit to the prison bound, or a deed of apparently trifling value will not be forgotten; so the saving of the inebriate, the strengthening of the backslider, the encouragement of the forsaken and discouraged. In brief the field of labor is all around us, and none can fail to find the opportunity of usefulness that seek it.

Thus comes to us the holiday that brings us in sympathy with the Great Master. It will dawn on palatial homes, and be greeted with rich and valuable presents, gratefully given and received, because the year has passed happily, and health and thrift have been unbroken. It will dawn on households where reverses have come and death has entered. The happiness of a year ago is in contrast with the tears and privations of the present. Property is gone, food restricted, clothing thin and scanty, the future dark and lowering, and worse than all, a sweet face absent. It will dawn on still others who have desperately struggled through a hard, oppressive year, and who have no hope of better days. The clouds touch them, and their struggle is to be manly, with no clearly defined hope to cling to. To others it will come to find them reformed from inebriacy and with the sunlight of a new happiness in their homes and hearts. Others have reached farther, and laid hold on Christ, and worship Him as their living, personal Saviour. Their faith is bright, and hearts are strong, and they are struggling forward that they may at last be grateful in His very presence. Thus it is,—experiences are very unequal, but the purpose of the Christ-spirit is to equalize, by dividing our blessings. He that hath much of this world's goods and giveth not unto the poor is none of His,—is the spirit of His teaching. Let us to-day make our gratitude practical—and thus make it all the richer and better to ourselves.

"Merry Christmas to All."

THE ORPHAN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

FROM THE GERMAN.

An orphan boy, with weary feet,
On Christmas Eve, alone, benighted,
Went through the town from street to street,
To see the clustering candles lighted
In homes were happy children meet.

Before each house he stood, to mark
The pleasant rooms that shone so fairly;
The tapers lighted spark by spark,
Till all the trees were blazing rarely;
And sad his heart was in the dark.

He wept; he clasped his hands and cried:
"Ah, every child to-night rejoices;
Their Christmas presents all divide,
Around their trees with merry voices;
But Christmas is to me denied.

"Once with my sister, hand in hand,
At home, how did my tree delight me!
No other tapers shone so grand;
But all forget me, none invite me,
Here lonely in the stranger's land.

"Will no one let me in, to share
The light, to take some corner nigh it?
In all those houses can't they spare
A spot where I may sit in quiet,—
A little seat among them there?

"Will no one let me in to-night?
I will not beg for gift or token;
I only ask to see the sight
And hear the thanks of others spoken,
And that will be my own delight."

He knocked at every door and gate;
He rapped at window-pane and shutter;
But no one heard and bade him wait,
Or came the "welcome in" to utter;
Their ears were dull to outer fate.

Each father looked with eyes that smiled
Upon his happy children only;
Their gifts their mother's heart beguiled
To think of them; none saw the lonely
Forgotten boy, the orphan child.

"O Christ-child, holy, kind and dear!
I have no father, and no mother,
No friend save Thee to give me cheer,
Be Thou mine help, there is none other,
Since all forget me wandering here!"

The poor boy rubbed his hands so blue,
His little hands the frost made chilly;
His tattered clothes he closer drew,
And crouched within a corner chilly,
And prayed, and knew not what to do.

Then suddenly there shone a light,
Along the street approaching nearer.
Another child, in garments white,
Spake as he came—and clearer, dearer
His voice made music in the night:

"I am the Christ! have thou no fear!
I was a child in my probation;
And children unto me are near;
I hear and heed thy supplication,
Though all the rest forget thee here.

"My saving word to all I bear,
And equally to each is given;
I bring the promise of my care
Here in the street, beneath the heaven,
As well as in the chamber there.

"And here poor boy, thy Christmas tree
Will I adorn, and so make glimmer
Through all this open space, for thee
That those within shall twinkle dimmer,
For bright as thine they cannot be!"

The Christ-child with his shining hand
Then pointed up, and lo! the lustres
That sparkle there! He saw it stand,
A tree o'erhung with starry clusters
On all its branches, wide and grand.

So far and yet so near! the night
Was blazing with the tapers' splendor;
What was the orphan boy's delight,
How beat his bosom warm and tender,
To see his Christmas tree so bright.

It seemed to him a happy dream.
Then, from the starry branches bending,
The angels stooped and through the gleam
They lifted him to peace unending,
They folded him in love supreme.

The orphan child is now at rest;
No father's care he needs, nor mother's,
Upon the Christ-child's holy breast,
All that is here bestowed on others
He there forgets, where all is blest.

—*Bayard Taylor.*

ONE CHRISTMAS DAY.

"Nannie, do you believe, I really and truly think the nicest—no, perhaps not the *very*, VERY nicest, but the *next* to the nicest—part of Christmas is the getting ready. There's the day before, not Christmas Eve, but the day before *that*, I mean. Everybody, and you and I, are *so* busy finishing things! All the evergreens have to be put up, and there's *never* enough tacks. We have to rush out and get them just when we are in *such* a hurry. Papa *never* lets us look in his pockets, no matter how hard we try! And grandma is always locking up her bureau drawers and shutting her door. Then, you know, Christmas Eve *really* comes, and we have written our letters to Santa Claus, and put them under the library door, and he *really* comes and gets them! Besides, the very, *very* best best is all day Christmas. The going to the early service, the candles and the evergreens and the beautiful singing at church—then the Christmas tree and the party! Oh, I do wonder, Nannie, if any other little girls *ever* have as good a time as we do!"

"Why, what a couple of chatter-boxes!" said mamma, as she opened the door. "And what is it all about? Secrets?"

"Oh, mamma," said Nannie, "not secrets, but Christmas, what a good time we always have and all the getting ready. Christmas is such a lovely day." And then Nannie began singing:

"The Prince of Peace, you know, to-day
Was born, and poor, in a manger lay."

"Mamma, just think of His"—and Nannie spoke very softly—"lying in a manger—a dear, little, soft baby. Just think, mamma, if you were so poor that babyboy had to lie out in a stable! Wouldn't it be dreadful? Oh, I'm so glad no one is quite so poor now."

"I'm afraid there are a great many people, and right here in this city, too, who haven't as comfortable a place to sleep in as that stable, even. Don't you feel very sorry for them?"

"Oh, mamma, I told Nannie that I didn't believe any other little girls ever had as good a time on Christmas as we do; but are there really little children who won't have *any* Christmas presents, perhaps not even any dinner?"

"Yes, dear, a great many."

Lillie's little heart was very tender, and tears were running down her cheeks while she said;

"If I asked Santa Claus to keep *all* my presents, and not bring me one single one, but to give them to some poor little girl who wouldn't have any, do you suppose he would?"

"I know a nicer way," said Nan. "Couldn't we find a poor little girl somehow, and bring her in the house, give her some dinner, and let her see the Christmas tree and the party? If *I* was a poor little girl, and had never seen a tree and a party, I know I should be just perfectly wild to see them. Don't you think it would be nice, Bob?" For Bob Thomas, the little girl's brother, had just walked—no jumped—into the room.

"No! who wants a beggar girl at our party? Perhaps she'd bring her cold victuals basket, and carry off all our candy and presents in it. Give her some 'grub' on the steps if you want to."

"Why, Bob Thomas, how would you like to have your Christmas dinner just 'grub on the steps,' if you never had eaten anything nice in your whole life? If we can find a little girl—and I guess perhaps mamma is going to let us look for one, aren't you, mamma?—wont you ask Santa Claus to give you quite so much as he always does, but to give something to that poor little girl? I'm going to, and you will, won't you, Lillie?"

"Well, I think that's cool. Say, mamma, do you know what the little girls are talking about? We don't want any beggars at our Christmas party. I want all the presents I can get."

"Yes, Bob, I'm sorry to say I think you do. But whose children are the beggars?"

"God's, I suppose."

"You know they are, and not only that, but I believe He loves them even more tenderly than He does the children who have so much in this world, because they need His love so much more. You can do as you please, but I am very glad Nan and Lillie would like to do something for the poor. I have been thinking about it all day, dears, and really I don't just know what is best to do. At any rate, you may write Santa Claus about a poor child's presents, and I hope by Christmas day there may be a little child here to have some dinner and a sight of the tree."

Bob didn't say anything till he got into the hall where Nannie heard him muttering somehow about needing new skates anyhow.

When Norman had promised to write to Santa Claus about the poor little girl, too, there was nothing else for Lillie and Nannie to do about her, though they could talk and think of nothing else all the rest of the day.

Things went on in the house the next day—the day but one before Christmas—very much as Lillie had said they would. Every one was in a great hurry. Drawers were locked, doors were shut and grandma looked very mysterious. It was nearly dark before all the wreaths were in their places around the picture frames, and over the doors and windows, with clusters of red berries and bright leaves in every corner. The next day was just as busy and delightful. The library doors had been locked ever since breakfast, and no one was allowed to go in except Aunt Annie and grandma, not even mamma herself.

The children sat on the stairs, and on the floor in the corners of the hall, laughing together, and just catching glimpses of the corner of a book-case, when Aunt Annie went in or out, but *that* was perfectly delightful.

Lillie had not forgotten her poor children; and just before dinner, on Christmas eve, mamma arranged what should be done. For Lillie had said, "You see, mamma, I want to have a little girl come, who never had a nice dinner, or a nice time in her whole life, because you say there are just such little girls. What can we do?"

And mamma had said that if when they were going to or coming from church on Christmas morning, they should meet, as they always did, some little beggar girls, Lillie might ask one of them to come home with her.

"Oh, how perfectly lovely!" said Lillie; then, "Nannie, do you hear? But, mamma, wont you or Nannie ask her? I should be so afraid."

"No, dear, you will be hostess. That means it will be your duty to look after her because you thought about it first. So I think you had best do the inviting."

All the evening, when the children danced in the broad hall, and sang their carols, Lillie and Nannie were full of their plans for the little girl's visit, and when the time came to send their letters to Santa Claus, this is what they had written him about her:

"Please, dear Santa Claus, don't give me quite as much as you always do, but save out of my presents, one for the poor little girl that is coming to-morrow, who never had any."

Then the notes were carried with great pomp and ceremony to the library door, while Aunt Annie played a lively march, and all the children got down on the floor and poked the notes under the door as far as they could; and pretty soon, while they were looking—will you believe me?—the notes slid way under the door and were gone, and Bob said he was *sure* he heard Santa Claus step on the floor. After that the children were in a great hurry to go to bed, so as to make sure to be up very early in the morning.

Long before mamma was ready, Bob, Nan and Lillie were in her room, dressed for church, all talking together about the party, and what they had found in their stockings. Coming out of the house into the soft gray twilight of six o'clock, Lillie looked all around for her little girl, but all the way to church she was disappointed, so disappointed that it didn't seem quite such a beautiful Christmas as usual till she thought of something, and when every one knelt again, she whispered very softly, "Please, God, let me make a little girl happy to-day."

Out in the street, which was still very gray, with a flurry of snow on the stones, just enough to make very cold the chapped toes sticking out of broken shoes, two sisters were walking together. One was a little mite of a girl, with a tangle of yellow curls under the old, torn shawl pinned over her head. The other one was a good deal older. Both their faces were so thin, and blue with cold! and they had only torn, thin dresses and shawls, worn-out shoes, and no stockings, that cold, cold morning. The tallest one, whose name was Mattie, had an old basket on her arm. She was talking to her little sister in this way:

"Sure, supposin' we was kinder goin' along, just as we is now, and we come to an ash barril, like as we is now, and I looked in and there I sees a 'Cristis' present for us—me, and you, and father—and there was dresses n' sacks n' stockins and a real hot dinner with a turkey in it, and medicine for father, n' lots of things! My! wouldn't *that* be jolly?"

"Yes," said little Sarah, "n' awful jolly. Look in the barril, Mattie; p'rhaps there's something there."

"No, there aint. I know all about them barrils. You don't never find nothing nice in them at all."

But before they reached the barrel something nice did come to them, the very nicest thing that had ever happened to them in their whole lives. Some one came running up behind Mattie, and said, "Little girl!" Mattie turned around and looked over Lillie, for it was her, from the blue bows on the little silk bonnet to the warm, thick shoes on her feet, and thought how nice it would be to have just such a bonnet, and dress, and shoes to wear. And this wonderfully-dressed little girl said:

"Don't you want to come home with me and have a nice dinner, and see our Christmas tree and the party, and have some presents if Santa Claus only brings them?" How round Mattie's eyes grew! She wondered if she hadn't looked in the ash barrel and found a fairy who was going to give her all the nice things she had been telling Sarah about. But Lillie was impatient, and couldn't give her time to think very long.

"Say, little girl, wont you come?" My mamma told me I might ask you. She's the lady in the long cloak, and that's Nannie and Bob with her. Did you ever see a Christmas tree?"

Little Sarah had to pull very hard on Mattie's dress before she could find her tongue to answer. "No, I ain't never seen a Chris-tree, only in the butcher's nor a party neither. Yes, I'll go." But just then she heard a little voice say, "Oh, Mattie!" and felt some little blue fingers holding very fast to her dress. "No, I wont go neither. Here's Sary; she's little, and she ain't never seen nothin'; she'll go. I don't care—that is not so very much." And Mattie really thought she didn,t care so very much, though her eyes were full of tears when she pushed Sarah in front of her.

Lillie's mamma was listening to this, and she assured Mattie: "I think you would like to see the tree, if your little sister came too. Wouldn't you?"

"Oh, yes'm, awfully!"

"Then bring her, and come with us. I will show you the house, so that you may know where to come this afternoon."

"We lives down in F street. Mother, she's dead, n' father's been sick most all Winter. He used to work always, and he's real good, is father; he don't never say nothin' cross to us. I sells newspapers n' pins when I can, n' beg some, and gets cinders out of the ash barrils. But it's awful cold, and yes'm, most allus we's hungry."

The children's mamma found Mattie's story was all true when she sent John, the servant, with some breakfast and medicine to their father. Early in the afternoon the two little girls came back. Nurse washed and dressed them in clean whole dresses, and oh, such a nice dinner as they had in the nursery! When it grew dark the candles on the Christmas tree were lighted, and all the boys and girls went upstairs into the library to see the wonderful tree, loaded on every branch and twig with such lovely things—just what every one wanted most, I am sure. When the presents were taken down, Lillie found among hers, instead of the locket ahd chain she had been hoping for, a letter from Santa Claus, written in such a funny hand, something like papa's, only a great deal straighter.

"Dear little Lillie, you will see I have done as you wished, and instead of your locket and chain have sent for Mattie some things that will do her a great deal of good this cold weather. May you spend a very merry, happy Christmas, is the wish of Santa Claus." Nannie's note was very much like this, and so was Norman's; and for Sarah and Mattie there was a warm hood, shawl, and stockings, beside the new dresses they had on, and a doll and some candy for each. All the little girls and boys that came to the party were very kind to the children, and they played "Hunt the slipper," and "Some still come," with the nuts.

"Oh!" said Mattie to Lillie, when the party was over, and she was tying on Sarah's hood to go home. "I was atelling Sary, 'supposing I looked in the ash barrils, and found lots of nice things,' when you came along and asked would I go home with you, and there's been a breakfast n' turkey, and a new dress and mittens, besides the party. It's been so beautiful as never was. No, never in this world did anybody ever have such a good time, and it's all along of you. Sary, she won't forget, though she's little, and I shan't never forget this Christmas all along of you."

A little later, when Lillie's eyes were very heavy, and she kissed mamma goodnight, she whispered, "I'm *so* glad they had such a good time and had such nice presents, though I didn't get my locket. It's such a nice kind of a time when you see somebody else having fun that never had any. And what do you suppose Bob did when he thought I wasn't looking? Why, he gave little Sarah all his candy, and Mattie that Chinese puzzle that I know he wanted ever so much. It's been just the nicest Christmas that ever was, and I guess Mattie and Sarah think so, too."

CHRISTMAS SHADOWS.

The needles have dropped from her nerveless hands,
As she watches the dying embers glow.
For out from the broad old chimney-place
Come ghostly shawdows of "long ago!"
Shadows that carry her back again
To the time of her childhood's artless joy;
Shadows that show her a tiny row
Of stockings awaiting the Christmas toy.

Shadows that show her the faces loved
Of many a half-forgotten friend;
And the Christmas Eve it is passing by,
While Past and Present in shadows blend.
Alone in the dear old homestead now,
With only the shadows of "Auld Lang Syne."
The clock is ticking the moments on,
While the tears in her aged eyes still shine.

If only from out the silent world—
The world of shadows which mock her so,
One might return to his vacant chair,
To sit with her in the firelight's glow!
If only— Was that a white, white hand
That seemed to beckon her out of the gloom?
Or was it the embers' last bright flash
That startled the shadows round the room?

The Christmas Eve it has passed at length;
A glorious day from the night is born;
The shadows are gone from earth away,
And the bells are ringing for Christmas morn.
But ah! by the broad old chimney-place
The angel of death keeps watch alone.
For straight to the Christ-child's beckoning arms
A longing spirit hath gladly flown.

The First Christmas.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And, lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to you and all people.

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward all men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

Under the Mistletoe.

The mistletoe is the chosen sign in every English household. In the feudal ages it was gathered with great solemnity on Christmas eve, and hung up in the vast hall amid loud rejoicings. Many virtues were attributed to it by the early ancients. It is found in the United States in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and southward to Mississippi and Florida. The berries on the English plant are usually white and sometimes greenish yellow, and again beautifully colored and showy. Nearly every English family hangs the mistletoe from its chandeliers and ceilings on Christmas eve. The company assembles about 9 o'clock; dancing soon begins, diversified by conversation, the arrival of visitors, frequent libations, and vocal and instrumental music. At the hour of midnight, Christmas comes in; the struggle to get the girls under the mistletoe commences. The fun grows "fast and furious" until there is scarcely a fair lady in the room who has not been kissed "under the mistletoe bough." The past time is referred to the supposition of some that this plant was the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden.

A Monday Christmas.

Christmas Day falls on Monday this year. It fell on Monday also in 1865, and on that occasion the following was unearthed from, it was stated, the Harleian MSS., No. 2,252, folio 153-4:

If Christmas Day on Monday be,
A great winter that year you'll see,
And full of wind both loud and shrill;
But in summer, truth to tell,
High winds shall there be, and strong,
Full of tempests lasting long;
While battles they shall multiply,
And great plenty of beasts shall die.
They shall be born that day, I ween,
They shall be strong each one and keen;
He shall be found that stealeth aught,
Tho' thou be sick, thou diest not.

The year 1866 was the year of the Austro-Prussian war, a year of disastrous gales, and a year of cattle plague. Again in 1871 Christmas Day fell on a Monday. The twelvemonth following that day saw us with cattle plague in the North and some great storms; but as to "battles" we must go back a few months in 1871 for the capitulation of Paris and the conflict with the commune. We have now a Monday Christmas for the third time within a dozen years.

Settling a Dispute.

A Louisianian caught a negro carrying off some of his fancy poultry the other night. "What are you doing with my chickens?" he yelled. "I wuz gwine ter fetch 'em back, boss. Dere's a nigger 'roun' here what's been 'sputin' longer me 'bout dem chick'uns. I said dey wuz Coaching Chynis, an' he said dey wuz Alabamar pullets, an' I wuz jes' takin' 'em 'roun' fer ter 'stablish my 'nolledge. Dey don't lay no aigs, does dey, boss? Ef dey does, I'm mighty 'shamed er hustlin' uv 'em 'roun'. Aigs is scase."

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Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞ FOR CITY TREASURER,
SAMUEL KILGORE,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

ALLEGHENY.

☞ FOR MAYOR,
WALTON WOOLSEY,
ELEVENTH WARD, ALLEGHENY.
Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.

☞ FOR MAYOR,
W. C. COOKE,
FIFTH WARD, ALLEGHENY,
Will be a candidate before the Republicans of Allegheny for the nomination of Mayor.

☞ FOR MAYOR,
THOS. MEGRAW,
FIFTH WARD, ALLEGHENY,
Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Meeting. 154

DRY GOODS, TRIMMINGS. DRY GOODS, TRIMMINGS. DRY GOODS, TRIMMINGS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1876.

NEW CHRISTMAS GOODS

—AT—

WILLIAM SEMPLE'S, NOS. 165, 167 AND 169 FEDERAL ST., ALLEGHENY, PA.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

From present indications it will be an utter impossibility, even with our increased force to meet the wants of our patrons on Saturday of this week, and that over-crowding may in a manner be lessened, our store will be open on **THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS** additional to our regular Saturday evening until nine o'clock.

GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

A most suitable gift for a Christmas present, and which our stock offers unsurpassed attractions, would be a dress pattern of any material.

DRESS SILKS.

Our Silk Department is at it has been during the season, full, fresh and complete, and at prices lower nowhere in the United States.
At 85, 90 and 95c, good heavy Black Dress Silks.
At $1 and $1.25, extra heavy Gros Grain Black Silks.
At $1.37½, very superior Gros Grain Black Silks.
At $1.50 to $4.50, special good value in Gros Grain and "Hand-spun" Black Dress Silks.
At $1, Seal and assorted Brown Dress Silks.
At $1.25 to $2.50, extra value in choicest shades Colored Silks, much under value.
While our lines of Mourning and Fancy Dress Silks, including Brocade Silks, is specially attractive in variety and prices.
At 25 to 50c, extra good Black and Colored Cashmeres.
At 60 and 62½c, extra bargain in Colored Merinos.
At 65c to $1, superior value in Black and Colored Cashmeres.
Having made a large and most advantageous purchase of these goods, the value offered cannot be excelled.
At 10 and 12½c, choice seasonable Dress Goods.
At 12½, Knickerbocker Suitings, worth 25c.
At 18¾c, all-wool Striped Oversuitings.
At 18¾ to 25c, Fine Colored Cashmeres.
At 20c, newest shades in Basket Cloth Goods.
At 25c to $1.50, beautiful line of latest effects in Dress Goods, of all textures and in all shades, suitable for promenade and interior wear, at the lowest prices.
At 12½ and 15c, best makes and styles Tycoon Repps.
Full and very complete stock of Medium and Deep Mourning Goods.

AT LOWEST PRICES.

SUITABLE PRESENTS!!!

A most substantial gift for a Christmas present, of which we have a very full and complete assortment, would be a Sacque or Shawl, &c.

NEW SACQUES.

Our line of Ladies' Sacques and Cloaks being especially complete at present and at such low prices, offers inducements to purchasers better than ever.
At $1, Ladies' all-Wool Grey Sacques.
At $2, Ladies' Beaver Cloth Sacques.
At $3, Ladies' Rough Cloth Sacques.
At $5 and $6, Ladies' Matalasse Sacques, bought very low and worth $10 and $12.

NEW CLOAKS.

Our Sacques and Cloaks are all latest styles, extra length and superior in make to many others.
Velvet and Silk Sacques at low prices.
A special bargain is offered in a few Real Sealskin Sacques, all latest style and long shape.

NEW FURS.

A large and very complete assortment of all the various kinds of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Furs, offered at extremely low prices.
A new and choice variety of New Shawls, of the most fashionable styles at very low prices.

UNDERWEAR.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Merino and Scarlet all-Wool Underwear.
Infants' outfits of all kinds.
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Skirts, in Balmoral, Felt, Cloth, Scarlet and Alpaca, and a full and large variety of Muslin Underwear.

AT POPULAR PRICES.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS!

A most useful gift for a Christmas present, of which our stock embraces all grades, would be a pair of Blankets or Woolen Goods of any kind.

BED COMFORTS.

At $1.20, good heavy Bed Comforts.
At $1.35, very heavy Bed Comforts, our own make.
At $1.60, extra heavy Calico Comforts.

BLANKETS.

At $1.20 upwards, heavy Brown Blankets.
At $2.25, 1¼ White Wool Blankets.
At $4.50 1¼ White Wool Country Blankets.
At $1.87½ 5 lb. heavy German Coverlets.
At $1.25 up, extra good Horse Blankets.
At $3.00 up, full size Husk Mattresses.

FLANNELS, &C.

Flannels of all kinds, Waterproof Cloths, Sacquing Cloths, Goods for Men's Wear, &c., offered at very lowest prices and superior value.
Gents', Youths' and Boys' Ready-made Clothing for winter. Overcoats, &c., cut and made in best manner and latest styles.
Boots, Shoes, Gaiters and Slippers, for Ladies, Misses, Children and Gents. Gents' Morocco and Fancy Sewed Slippers, at much less than usual prices for same.
Ladies' Suits and Costumes, Overdresses and Polonaises in materials of Alpaca, Poplin, Cashmeres, Brocades, Merinos, Black and Colored Silks.
Special attention given to Mourning Outfits, and suits to order at short notice, same being delivered within a few hours after measure.

AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES.

Christmas for the Children.

Little gifts for Christmas presents, of which we offer a most attractive stock in Fancy Articles, Toys, Notions, &c., at very lowest prices.

TOYS! TOYS!

A full and complete stock of Toys of every description, as well as the more useful and substantial Toys, Dolls, Wooden Toys, Books, &c., we have now in stock and offer all at much less than usual prices.

LINEN SETTS, &C.

Ladies' Plain, Fancy and Embroidered Linen Setts of Collars and Cuffs.
Plain, Hemmedstitched, Fancy Bordered, Embroidered and Initial Handkerchiefs, Lace Handkerchiefs, &c.
Beautiful line Fancy Boxes for Handkerchiefs, Candy, &c.
New Novelties in Neck Ruchings and Neckwear of all kinds.

FANCY GOODS.

Lace Tidies and Toilet Sets in all the latest novelties.
A few Zephyr Wool Tidies at one half their real value.
Full and very complete lines of Gents' Furnishing Goods and Fancy Articles at prices lower than usual.
A beautiful assortment of China, Glass and Queensware, Toilet Sets, Chamber Sets, Motto Cups and Toy Dishes at low prices.
Mottoes, Slipper Patterns, Zephyr Work of all kinds, Zephyrs, &c.

AT BARGAIN PRICES.

ELECTIONS.

GERMAN NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH.
☞ THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Nine Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking house on TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
J. LAURENT, Cashier.
PITTSBURGH, December 12, 1876.

☞ MERCHANTS' AND MANUFACTURERS NATIONAL BANK ELECTION—The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, No. 61 Fourth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of eleven A. M. and one P. M.
W. A. SHAW, Cashier.
PITTSBURGH, December 9, 1876.

SMITHFIELD NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 8, 1876.
☞ AN ELECTION FOR NINE DIRECTORS will be held at the bank on TUESDAY, January 9, between 1 and 3 P. M.
W. W. SCOTT, Cashier.

DUQUESNE NATIONAL BANK.
☞ THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, No. 65 Smithfield street, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of eleven A. M. and one P. M.
A. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.
PITTSBURGH, December 12, 1877.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK,
ALLEGHENY, PA., Dec. 8, 1876.
☞ THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR nine (9) directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January the 9th, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
H. A. SPANGLER, Cashier.

MECHANICS NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 9, 1876.
☞ AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the bank TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 1 and 2 P. M.
WM. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.

IRON CITY NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, PA., December 4, 1876.
☞ ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Thirteen Directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 1 and 3 P. M.
GEORGE R. DUNCAN, Cashier.

☞ FOURTH NATIONAL BANK.—ELECTION—The annual election for Directors of this Bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, No. 82 Fourth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
S. D. HERRON, Jr., Cashier.
PITTSBURGH, December 9, 1876. m29

SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 8 1876.
☞ ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at this Bank, No. 293 Liberty street, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
JAMES H. WILLOCK, Cashier.

TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 9, 1876.
☞ ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 12 M.
CYRUS CLARKE, Jr., Cashier.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 9, 1876.
☞ THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
W. STEINMEYER, Cashier.

CITY SAVINGS BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 9, 1876.
☞ THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR thirteen Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, corner Sixth avenue and Smithfield street, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
J. W. TAYLOR, Cashier.

PITTSBURGH, December 9, 1876.
☞ ELECTION—AN ELECTION FOR eleven Directors of the People's National Bank of Pittsburgh, will be held at its Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
m28 F. M. GORDON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE CITIZENS INSURANCE CO.,
No. 96 Fourth avenue, (English's Bl'k),
PITTSBURGH, December 7, 1876.
☞ AN ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN DIRECTORS of this Company to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at this office on MONDAY, the 18th inst., between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
WALTER MORRIS, Secretary.

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 8, 1876.
☞ THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank, will be held at the Banking House, No. 46 Fifth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 12 M.
A. LONG, Cashier.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 8, 1876.
☞ ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on SECOND TUESDAY OF JANUARY, 1877, (January 9), between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
R. K. WILSON, Cashier.

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 8, 1376.
☞ ELECTION—AN ELECTION OF Directors to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1877, from 11 to 1 o'clock.
W. McCANDLESS, Cashier.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1876.
☞ NOTICE—THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the MERCANTILE PETROLEUM CO. will be held at the rooms of the Drug Exchange, No. 17 South Third street, TUESDAY, the 12th inst., at 1 o'clock, for the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year.
W. S. RUSSELL, Secretary.
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK PITTSBURGH, PA.,
PITTSBURGH, December 19, 1876.
☞ ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for nine Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1877, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
m62 J. D. SCULLY, Cashier.

☞ ELECTION NOTICE.—THERE will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the WOODS RUN SAVINGS FUND and LOAN ASSOCIATION at the banking house, on MONDAY, January 1st, between the hours of 1 and 3 P. M., for the purpose of electing nine directors.
W. J. LANGFITT, President.
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CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Nov. 30, 1876.
☞ THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, O., on WEDNESDAY, January 3rd, 1877. The transfer books will be closed on December 4th, proximo, and reopened January 4th, 1877.
G. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ PENNSYLVANIA STATE EXAMINING BOARD.—The Board of Examiners appointed at the last meeting of the PENNA. STATE DENTAL SOCIETY, in compliance with the law regulating the practice of Dentistry in Pennsylvania, desire that each applicant for examination before said Board should make known his wish, without delay to one of its members. The Board is desirous to accommodate all applicants, and hereby give notice that on the 28TH AND 29TH DAYS OF DECEMBER A. D. 1876, it will meet at the office of DR. J. S. KING, No. 71 Sixth avenue, Pittsburgh, at 10 o'clock A. M., of each day. All parties who are by the law required to appear before the Board for examination in regard to proper qualifications for the practice of Dentistry will please take notice and embrace this opportunity. The Board consists of Drs. C. N. PEIRCE, 1617 Green street, and E. T. DARBY, 4000 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; C. S. BECK, Wilkesbarre; J. S. KING, 71 Sixth avenue, Pittsburgh; W. E. MAGILL, Erie; J. C. GREEN, West Chester.
DR. C. N. PEIRCE, President.
Dr. J. C. GREEN, Secretary. 155

☞ NOTICE TO VENDERS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.
All persons found selling Fruit and Vegetable from unbranded boxes and baskets (used as measures) will be dealt with according to law. W. W. TYSON, County Sealer of Weights and Measures, No. 41 Federal street. Box 243, Pittsburgh. Office Hours—8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR OF GAS AND GAS METERS
FOR ALLEGHENY COUNTY.
☞ DESIRING THAT THE PUBLIC should more generally avail themselves of the advantages of this office, I would give notice to persons desiring to have their meters tested to leave their orders at the offices of their respective Gas Companies, or at my office, corner of Twenty-third and Smallman streets, and they will receive prompt attention.
R. H. SMITH, Inspector.

BARGAINS
IN
Every Department,
AT
JOS. HORNE & CO.'S.
RETAIL.

Special Attention is Directed to the Following:

CLOAKS.
Ladies' Matalasse, Rough and Plain Beaver Cloth Cloaks, in all sizes. Also, special lengths, 42, 44, 46 inches, all at reduced prices.
Misses' Cloaks, for all ages at reduced prices.
SEAL SKIN SACQUES.
SEAL MUFFS.
SEAL BOAS.
SEAL HATS.
We have put the prices on our Seal goods down very low.
Silk Fur-Lined Cloaks will be closed out cheap;

INFANTS' LONG CLOAKS.

FRENCH CORSETS.
A line of White and Colored French Corsets, closing out at 75c, regular price $1.25.
All makes of Corsets at reduced prices.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR.
Merino Vests and Drawers at 38c, full lines in fine grades of goods at lowest prices; Children's Union Under Suits, from 50 cents up; Vests and Panteletts from 50 cents up.

HOSIERY.
Children's Wool Hose, from 10 cents per pair up; Ladies', from 25 cents up; Fine Cashmere Hose, for Ladies and Children at reduced prices.

GLOVES.
Ladies' Cloth and Berlin Gloves at 25c; Children's Gloves from 15c up; Children's Knit Woolen Mittens; bargains in Leather Gloves on counter.

FUR GAUNTLETS AT $3.50.
Fine Beaver, Otter and Seal Gauntlets at lowest figures.
Heavy Gloves for Laboring Men from 50c up.

MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.
UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS.
All grades at specially low prices.

NECK WEAR.
We have placed on our counters a large lot of Men's Ties and Scarfs, to be closed at 25 and 50 cents—less than one half original price.
Also, a lot of Initial Handkerchiefs at 50 cents, worth 75 cents.
Extra bargains in Plain Hemmed Linen Handkerchiefs at 25 cents.
French Linen Madras Borders at 25 and 30 cents.
Silk Pocket Handkerchiefs.
Silk Neck Mufflers.
Cashmere Neck Mufflers.
Knit Woolen Scarfs.

WOOLEN GOODS.
Ladies' Knit Under Jackets, Knit Undershirts, Felt Skirts from 75c up.
Silk Skirts, Felt Skirts, with quilted Satin Trimming.
Children's Knit Woolen Hoods, Sacques, &c.

HANDKERCHIEFS.
Extra good value.
One lot Plain Hemmed Linen Handkerchiefs at 10 cents.
One lot Colored Border Linen Handkerchiefs at 10, 12, 15 and 20c each.
One lot Hemstitched, all Linen at 12½c each.
One lot Hemstitched, all Linen at 16⅔c each.
One lot Hemstitched, all Linen at 25c each.
Special attention is directed to our 25c Handkerchiefs as being the best we have ever offered at that price.

MAKE HOLIDAY PURCHASES EARLY.
197 and 199
PENN AVENUE.

CARPETS.
Druggets in Squares and Piece Goods. Oil Cloths, Mattings, all Widths—Shades and Shade Cloth
RUGS and MATS.
BOVARD, ROSE & CO.,
29 FIFTH AVENUE.

Wall Paper---No. 1.
Wall Hangings, Ceilings, Friezes and Dados in English style, Eastlake and Owen Jones' designs.
Wall Paper---No. 2.
Leather, Tapestry Velvet, Gold Stencil, Pictures, French Corners and Borders, Paris styles.
Wall Paper---No. 3.
American Papers, original designs of all qualities at medium and low prices.
W. P. MARSHALL,
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AMERICAN SOAP WORKS.
A. WILSON & CO.,
45 and 47 Ross street, Pittsburgh,
Manufacturers of all kinds of
Family Soaps & Candles.
Orders by mail promptly attended to. Send for price list. m43

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No. 133 Liberty Street, foot of Fifth Ave.
TERMS $2 PER DAY.
e39 HUGH KEYS, Proprietor.

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CONTRACTOR,
Office and Stone Yard,
Juniata, Near Sedgwick Street.
Residence, 130 Third street, Allegheny.

MERCHANT TAILOR,
B. TIEGEL
NO. 53 SMITHFIELD STREET,
Just received, a full line of CLOTHS and CASSIMERES for Fall and Winter Wear,
AT LOWEST PRICES

ELECTROTYPES &
STEREOTYPES
MADE FROM WOOD CUTS AND TYPE.
UNEXCELLED FOR WORKMANSHIP AND
DURABILITY AT LOW PRICES
W. G. JOHNSTON & CO. 57 Wood St.

MAGNOLIA FLOUR—THE FINEST Winter White Wheat Flour on the market in barrels or bags. Also, Patent Process Minnesota Flour, choice, fresh supply received; no charge for cart ge.
JNO. A. RENSHAW & CO.,
Corner of Liberty and Ninth streets

JOS. HORNE & CO.,
197 and 199
PENN AVE.
Invite special attention to the following new things just opened:

Brocade Velvets,
Black and Colored, at much lower prices than those shown in the early part of the season.
New line of Colored Trimming Velvets in darkest shades, Myrtle, Navy Blue, Seal Brown, Prune and Slate.

FEATHER TRIMMING,
In White, Black and Brown.
New Black Silk and Chenille Fringes.
New Colored Silk and Chenille Fringes.
Worsted Fringes, all shades.
15-knot Worsted Fly Fringes, 2 yard lengths, for Trimming Overdresses.
New Silk and Chenille Galoons and Passementerie.

MOHAIR BRAIDS,
In Dark Myrtle, Blue and Brown, 1-4 to 2 inches wide; in Black, 1-4 to 3 inches wide.
Latest novelties in Fans, White and Black, with paintings.

Ladies' Felt Hats and Bonnets.
Misses' Felt Hats, newest shapes in Black, Navy Blue, Myrtle, Brown and Black.

Double Bone Colored
WERLEY CORSETS,
18 to 36 inches.
Large, Colored, Plaid and Java Canvas.
Newest thing in Heavy Rug Canvas in dark colors.

Embroidered Slipper Patterns,
On Canvas, Velvet and Cloth.
Embroidered Canvas, Foot Rests, Brackets, Towel Rack Stripes, Chair Stripes, &c.

Ladies' Pineapple Handkerchiefs,
Plain, White and Colored Borders.
1 inch Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.

NEW LINE
UNDRESSED KIDS,
In Dark Browns and Slates, 4 buttons.
White Undressed Kids, 3 and 6 button.
Kid Gloves in darkest shades, Myrtle, Navy Blue, Seal Brown, Prune and Slate, 2 and 3 button.
Ladies' and Misses' Cloth Gloves, Children's Knit Mittens, Men's Cloth and Leather Gloves and Gauntlets, Boys' Leather and Cloth Gloves, &c.

RETAIL STORES

Christmas Presents
HANDSOME,
VALUABLE AND USEFUL.
A Dress, Cloak, Shawl, Scarf, Velvet Cloak, Patterns, Pair Blankets, Plain and Initial Handkerchiefs, &c.

B. & B.

NEW DRESS GOODS
AND POSITIVE BARGAINS.
27-inch Self-Colored Dress Plaids at 10c.
New case Brown Basket Cloth Suitings at 20c.
Unusual value in several new cases Plain Mohair Lustres, Diagonals, Brocades, extra heavy Cachemire Twills at 20 to 25c. These goods are in all the new choice shades.
Extra fine American Cashmeres, double width at 30c.
40-inch Lupin's Merinos at 65c, worth 85c.
Lupin's extra fine Cashmeres, from 75c to $1.25, celebrated for choice shades, and universally admitted to be the best Cashmere imported. Having bought largely of these goods at the late New York auction sales, we can and will offer purchasers superior value.
New English Black Cashmeres at 40c, worth 55c.
New French all-Wool 40-inch Black Cashmeres at 65c.
Extra bargains in Black Cashmeres at 75, 85 95c and $1.
One case extra wide and fine Black Cashmeres, will be sold at $1.25, value $1.50.
IMPORTANT SILK OFFERING.
Having recovered almost our entire stock of Black and Colored Silks and Velvets which were stolen on Wednesday night, 13th inst., and a portion of them being slightly out of order, we will sell them at a great reduction from former prices, ranging from $1 to $4 per yard. If you want a Silk Dress Remnant, or Piece for Trimming, call and be convinced.
NEW CLOAKS! NEW CLOAKS!
Extra long, at greatly reduced prices.
Ladies' and Gent's Initial Handkerchiefs from 25c up.
Ladies' Silk Neck and Pocket Handkerchiefs from 35c up.
Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs and Silk and Cashmere Mufflers, some very choice styles.
Gloves of all kinds, Lace Goods, Ladies' Neck wear, Embroidered Sets from 35c up.
100 pieces extra Country Blankets at $5, sold former seasons at $7 to $7.50. 100 dozen Fancy and Plain Felt skirts from 45c to $2.25, that will be found extra cheap. Shawls from $1 to $12, all new and decided bargains; new Broche and Paisley Shawls from $5 to $50 each.

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128 Federal Street,
ALLEGHENY.

E. BUTTERICK & CO,'S
PATTERNS,
NEW EVERY MONTH.
BOYS' KILT SUITS
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MISSES' and GIRLS CLOTH CLOAKS.
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Call or address, DR. WHITTIER,
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I want all the good cotton and woolen rags I can get, and will pay the highest market price, either in cash or trade.
JAMES HARRISON,
No. 102 Second avenue, Pittsburgh.

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J. B. CANFIELD
116 Water street

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Jas. Caldwell & Co's
Nos. 115 & 117 Federal Street,
ALLEGHENY.
Attractive Display
AND
LOWEST PRICES.
NEW
Dress Goods,
Dress Silks,
Muffs and Boas,
Seal Sacques,
Cloth Sacques,
Cloaking Cloths,
Shawls, Skirts, &c.,
Housekeeping Goods.
WILL OPEN!
On Monday, Dec. 18th,
New Selections of
Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Neck Wear, Gloves, &c.,
AND
MANY OTHER ARTICLES
SUITABLE FOR
Christmas and New Years Presents.

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PRONOUNCED BY CONNOISSEURS TO BE THE "ONLY GOOD SAUCE," And applicable to EVERY VARIETY OF DISH.
EXTRACT of a LETTER from a MEDICAL GENTLEMAN at Madras to his brother at WORCESTER, May 1851. "Tell LEA & PERRINS that their Sauce is highly esteemed in India, and is in my opinion, the most palatable as well as the most wholesome Sauce that is made."
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SIGNATURE IS ON EVERY BOTTLE.
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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, December 25, 1876.

There was more than the usual amount of banking business on Saturday, owing to the fact that to-day is a legal holiday, and paper maturing to-day or Sunday had to be met Saturday. This compelled an unusual amount of current business at the banks. This aside, and there is nothing in the situation that is at all exceptional. There is complaint among some of our tradesmen that the holiday business this year has not been equal to other years. Some—furriers for example,—have done an average business. The total of the holiday trade, however, falls short of previous years, owing to the pressure of the times. Real estate contiues dull and depressed, it actually having no market value

IMPROVEMENT IN THE ENGLISH LOAN MARKET.

The money market has become distinctly stiffer this week, and in the case of short loans as well as discount at the longer periods, rates have advanced a shade. For three months' bank bills the quotations are 1½ per cent. Money for short periods is not so plentiful as of late, but it is still lent at fractional rates, and short bills are taken at 1 per cent. and less. The advance in the value of money is the result of some increased demand, which appears to originate chiefly abroad. Trade being still very generally repressed by the prevailing uncertainty as to what the conference of the Powers at Constantinople may lead to, it is plainly no improvement in the commercial demand for money which has this week operated on the market. Indeed, with the exception of a certain activity in the metal markets, part of the iron trade, and woolen industries, all of which appears to arise from military mobilization and preparations for war on the part of various Governments, there is a very contracted trade demand for money. Nearly all operations are checked and deferred more or less by the present state of uncertainty. But whether the issue be warlike or peaceful, the time is considered to be now come when an end to the long period of stagnation must be prepared for. —*London Economist, Dec. 9.*

REDUCTION OF NEW YORK BANKING CAPITAL.

The Directors of the Metropolitan National Bank of New York have recommended that the stockholders, who meet January 5, consent to a reduction of the capital from $4,000,000 to $3,000,000. The taxes—national, State and municipal—paid by the Metropolitan Bank aggregate $200,000, and the reduction of the capital will reduce this amount a trifle over $50,000. The bank proposes to buy in the canceled stock at 125, a fraction above the ruling price in the market, twenty-five dollars of the amount paid per share being taken out of the surplus. Three other banks, whose combined capital amounts to $16,500,000, are mentioned as likely to take the same course. It thus appears that over $6,000,000 of capital, besides a considerable amount of surplus, is likely to be driven out of banking use in New York through the oppressiveness of taxation.

HOW TO GET THE GOLD.

It is not by the hoarding of gold, says the *Financial Chronicle*, either from our own mines, nor by importations of gold, that we can get $200,000,000 towards resumption, and which, when received, will be inadequate to the needed work. But what is necessary, it says:

"is a judiciously drawn funding act, the Secretary of the Treasury to sell 4 per cent. bonds for the redemption of the greenbacks, and to sell them at par in currency. This would increase the interest-bearing debt of the Government, but such increase is inevitable under any possible plan of redemption. If we pay off the greenbacks by borrowing gold we must increase the interest-bearing debt in order to obtain that gold. So we might traverse the whole field of theory and canvass all the expedients which have been suggested; in every case we should find that directly or indirectly, sooner or later, the whole process would resolve itself into an exchange of the greenbacks for interest bearing securities."

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	107¼	5-20's 1868-coupons	117½
U. S. 6's 1881, coup	117⅝	10-40's	113⅝
" 1865	109⅝	Currency 6's	121⅝
" 1865 new	113⅜	New 5 per cents	112
5-20's 1867	116⅝	10-40's coupons	113½
RAILWAYS.			
N. Y. Central	102⅝	Ohio & Mississippi	6
Erie	9⅝	Union Pacific	59
I. C.	65⅝	Toledo & Wabash	5⅝
C. C. & I. C.	2⅝	Harlem	136⅝
St. Paul	20	Adams Express	101⅝
Do. Pref	51⅝	American Express	58
Lake Shore	58⅝	U. S. Express	53
Do. Central	46⅝	W. Fargo & Co. Ex	89
Northwestern com	37⅝	Quicksilver	13
Do. Pref	56⅝	Fort Wayne	101⅝
Rock Island	102	Hannibal & St. Jo.	13⅝
Clevs. & Pitts	89⅝	Panama	126
Pacific Mail	24⅝	Iron Mountain	12
Western Union Tel.	71⅝	N. J. Central	37¼
Delaware, L. & W.	72⅝		

Robinson Bros furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board.

P. R. R. (S)	47⅞	Con. Trans (B)	40⅝
Reading (S)	19⅝	Empire do. (A)	50
U. Cos. of N. J. (S)	136⅝	A. V. R R. 7.30 (B)	105
Oil Creek (B)	8⅝	P. C. & St. L. 7's (S)	84½
Lehigh Valley (B)	49	N Pacific bonds (A	—

NEW YORK, December 23, 1876.

Money at 5@6. The customs receipts were $70,000. Prime mercantile paper 5@7. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $400,000. The clearings were $28,000,000. Exchange was quiet at 482¾@484¼. Gold opened at 107⅜ and closed at 107¼, all sales of the day having been at these figures. The carrying rates were 4½, 4 and 7 per cent. Silver bars $1.21¾ bid; coin $1.21 1-4@1.21½. The steamer City of Berlin, which left Liverpool on December 7th, arrived to-day. She brings one million dollars in specie.

The following is the bank statement:

Loans, decrease	$1,463,200
Specie, increase	712,600
Legal tenders, decrease	985,500
Deposits, decrease	353,800
Circulation, increase	16,700
Reserve, decrease	184,450

Governments were dull and strong. Railroad bonds were strong and in good demand. State bonds were quiet and nominal. Sunday being *dies non*, Saturday became Christmas eve, and the people in the stock market gave themselves up to its jollities to the extent that only 44,000 shares of all characters changed hands. The market, which was weak in the forenoon, became firm in the general list, and closed dull and steady. The coal stocks, however, advanced from ¼ to 2¼ per cent. The live stock was Lake Shore, of which 17,500 were among the transactions; 1,600 also were Western Union, 1,800 Northwestern, 2,400 Rock Island, 4,200 St. Pauls, 1,200 Ohios & Mississippi, 1,900 Toledo & Wabash, 4,300 Michigan Central, 4,700 New Jersey Central, and 2,300 Delaware & Lackawanna.

Governments.—United States Coupons 1881, 117⅞; 5-20s '65, 109½; do. '65 new, 113⅞; do. '67, 116⅞; do. '68, 117½; new 5s, 112; new 4½s, 108½; 10-40s, 113½; do. coupons, 113½; currency 6s, 121½.

State Bonds.—Tennessee old, 41½; do. new, 40⅞; Virginia new, 30; do. new, 30; Missouri 6s, 107½.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 71⅞; Quicksilver, 12½; do preferred, 18½; Pacific Mail, 24¼; Mariposa, 6½; do preferred, 6½; Adams Express, 102; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 88; American Express, 56; United States Express, 52; New York Central, 102½; Erie, 9½; do. preferred, 17½; Harlem, 136¼; do, preferred, 133; Michigan Central, 46½; Panama, 125; Union Pacific, 58; Lake Shore, 58½; Illinois Central, 65¼; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 87⅞; North western common, 37¼; do preferred, 56⅞; C. C. C. & I., 37; New Jersey Central, 36¼; Rock Island, 102; St. Paul, 20; do. preferred, 51¾; Toledo & Wabash, 5¼; do. preferred, 5; Fort Wayne, 100½; Terre Haute, 3; do. prefered, 15; Chicago & Alton, 99; do. preferred, 108; Ohio & Mississippi, 6; Delaware & Lackawanna, 72½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 14⅞; Missouri Pacific, 3; Atlantic & Pacific preferred, 2; Indiana Central, 2⅞; Central Pacific, 119½; Union Pacific, 105⅞; Union Pacific land grant, 100¼; Union Pacific sinking fund, 91⅞; Burlington & Quincy, 15¼; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 13½.

LONDON, December 23—5 P. M.—Consols, 94; 5-20s of '65, 105; do. '67, 108; 10-40s, 107⅞; new 5s, 107; New York Central, 102; Erie, 9½; do. preferred, 17. Silver unchanged.

PARIS, December 23.—Rentes, 105f 15c.

FRANKFORT, December 23.—U. S. new 5s, 101⅞.

COMMERCIAL.

State of the Rivers, Movements of Steamboats, &c.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, Dec. 23, 1876.

While business is, and has been for some time past, very dull, our merchants and manufacturers are hopeful that it will brighten up after the holidays, and we sincerely trust their hopes may be fully realized.

APPLES—The demand is more active, but prices have not improved as yet; selling at $1a1.50 per bbl, for fair to choice fruit.

APPLE-BUTTER—Dull; quoted at 38a40c ℔ gallon in kegs, and 43a45c in small packages.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—3½a4 cents.

BROOM CORN—Hurl, 6a6½c; choice brush that will work up, 5a5½; choice covers 4½a5c; choice insiding and covers, 4½; inferior and mixed, 4a4½; crooked, 2½a3, as to color and quality.

BEANS—Prime new crop navies in light supply and advancing; we now quote at $2 ℔ bu to wholesale buyers, and $2.25 in a small way.

BUTTER—Dealers continue to report a very fair demand for prime table butter, with sales at 24a25c for prime rolls. Low grades continue very dull.

CRANBERRIES—Selling at $8a10 per bbl.

CIDER—Very dull; quoted nominally at $3a4 per bbl—barrels included.

CHEESE—Continues quiet and unchanged. Prime Ohio Factory is still quoted at 14a14½ to the wholesale trade, and 15a15½c in a jobbing way. "Young Americas" quoted in a jobbing way at 18; "Nutmegs," 17c.

DRESSED HOGS—Receipts as yet small, but there is not much inquiry, and prices remain unchanged, 6½a7c.

DRIED PEAS—The new crop of Canada green in good demand at $1 50 ℔ bu in round lots, and $1.75 in a jobbing way.

DRIED FRUIT—Continues very dull, and there is not enough doing here to establish prices.

EGGS—The market is steady at 27a28. Pickeled continue dull but unchanged; 20a23c.

FLOUR—Continues firm with a fair local trade, and prices are tending upward in sympathy with Wheat. Good brands, of either winter or spring, may be quoted at $6.75a7; ambers, $7.25a7.50; patent process and fancy white wheat brands, $8a9. Rye flour, $4.50a5 ℔ bbl.

GROCERIES—The grocery markets continue dull, and the leading articles present no important features to which reference has not previously been made in these columns, with the exception of Coffee has stiffened up again.

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	13⅞	Standard A	11⅝a11⅞
Crushed	13⅛a	Standard B	11⅝a11⅞
Granulated	12⅝a	Standard Ex C.	11⅛a11⅞
Powdered	13 a	N. O.	9½a10¾

COFFEES.

Green.		Roasted.	
Choice	25	Best	27½
Prime	24	Second Grade	26⅝
Fair	23	Third Grade	24⅝
Java	32	Java	38

Loose half a cent less.

SYRUPS.

Choice	60 a65	Fair	50 a55
Prime	55 a60	Dark	40 a45

MOLASSES.

Choice new crop N. O.	63a65c
Prime new crop N. O	58a60c
Fair new crop N. O	55c

GRAIN—There is a steady milling demand for Wheat, and prices are firm but unchanged; fair to prime Penna. and Ohio red, $1.37a1.40; do. amber and white, $1.43a1.45. The indications at present, however, are that prices will go higher within the next week or so, although millers claim that they are higher now than they should be. The Oat market is easier under the influence of increased receipts within the past few days as well as a light demand, but as yet prices are still maintained; mixed, 38a39; white, 40a41. Ear Corn continues in light supply, and sells readily, on track, at 54a55. Shelled Corn easier; selling at 52a53 on track. Rye is in demand at 75, but sellers think they are entitled to more money. Barley continues dull; No. 2 spring quoted at 78a80c.

GAME—Is reported dull and the market is well stocked. Venison—Saddles, 14a15c ℔ ℔; do. Hams, 15a16c; Whole Deer, 8a10c; Prairie Chickens, $4a5 per doz; Pheasants, $2.75a3; Quail, $1 50a1 75 per dozen; Rabbits, 75ca$1.25; Squirrels, 75a$1; Wild Ducks, $3a4; Wild Turkeys, $1a1.50 each.

HAY—The market continues quiet and unchanged. Loose selling at $12a16 per ton from country wagons; baled, on wharf and track, $12a15, as to quality and condition.

MILL FEED—Bran, $13.00a14 per ton; Seconds Shorts and Shipstuffs, $14a16; Chopped Feed, $19a21; Middlings, $20a22.

OILS—Procter & Gamble's double Extra lard oil, 95a97c; W. Alexander & Co.'s extra, 85a87; No. 1, 77a82; No. 2, 60a65; white winter Miner's oil, 60a63; yellow do, 55a58. Carbon very firm at the recent advance; 27c to the wholesale trade and 1a2c more in a small way.

ONIONS—In fair demand, but quiet and unchanged; $1.50a2 ℔ bbl.

POTATOES—There is a very fair jobbing trade, and prices are firm with an upward tendency; we continue to quote at $1.15a1.30 per bushel from store in a jobbing way, the outside figure for Peach Blows.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 10a12; do Turkeys and Ducks, 12a14c; live Chickens, 40a50c per pair. Turkeys, 75ca$1 each.

PROVISIONS—There is only a moderate business, and while the market is steady in tone, prices remain unchanged. A Chicago paper of Friday says; The packers are operating freely at present prices, which pay a better profit on the work than those current a few days ago; and, as we have stated previously, they are turning their attentions more to pork and lard, which pay a little better than meats, though Wednesday's advance in the latter has made the three more nearly equal than they were before. The outward movement of product continues large, chiefly in meats—the shipments of meats reported for the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock yesterday morning formed 127 car loads.

Hams—Ex S C ℔ ℔	13	Lard, prime leaf, tcs	11⅛
Shoulders Ex S. C.	9⅜	Do. ....Hf bbls	11⅜
B'fast Bacon S. C.	13	Do. ....bkts	11⅞
Dried beef Ex S. C.	15	Do. 3 ℔ caddies	14
Beef Tongues S. C. per doz.	$6½	Do. 5 ℔ do	13⅜
Bacon Shoulders	7⅞	Do. 3 ℔ pails	14
Short Rib Sides	9⅜	Do. 5 ℔ do	13⅜
Clear Sides	10⅛	Do. 6 ℔ do	—
Mess Pork ℔ bbl	$18.00	Pigs feet (half bbls	4 75
Short Cut do	18.00	Do. (kegs)	2 40
		Ham Sausage	9½

RAGS—Steady at 2½c ℔ ℔ for good country mixed.

SUMAC—4½c.

SEEDS—There is little or no movement in this market, and in the absence of sales we omit quotations.

TALLOW—Is easier; city quoted at 8½c per lb; country, 7½c.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, December 23, 1876.

ARRIVALS.

Following shows the aggregate receipts for the week as well as those of preceding week also:

	This week	Last week
Cattle	277 cars	377 cars
Hogs	180 "	209 "
Sheep	58 "	63 "
Total	515 "	649 "

CATTLE.

Of the 277 cars reported for the past week, 166 cars were through and 111 cars local against 198 cars of through, and 179 cars of local preceding week.

With a light run, both of local and through cattle, more favorable advices from the east and a light supply the market this week, contrary to general expectation, was the best we have had for some time, so far as the selling interest was concerned; holders (especially of fat cattle) were not slow in discovering that the situation was in their favor, that the supply was not likely to be equal to the demand, and it is scarcely necessary to add that they made all they could out of it. All grades of fat cattle brought an advance of 15 to 25c per cwt, and sellers had no difficulty in closing at the advance; moreover, the market, under the influence of the more favorable advices from New York, closed better than it opened. Stockers and feeding cattle were also firmer, but prices for these were no higher as compared with last week. Prices may be fairly quoted as follows:

Extra 1,500a1,600 steers	5,50a5,75
Prime 1,300a1,400 steers	5,00a5,25
Good 1,000a1,200 steers	4,25a4,75
Feeding cattle, 1,000a1,100 ℔s	4,00a4,25
Stockers 700a900 lbs	3,25a3,75
Bulls, Cows and Stags	2,75a3,25

SHEEP.

The run was larger than for some weeks past, and the market one of the worst of the season. With an oversupply, a very light demand and a limited attendance of buyers, owners up until yesterday were forced to make concessions of from 25 to 50 cents per cwt in order to effect sales; some holders refused to accept the prices bid here and shipped east. There was no inquiry on New York account, and when this is the case the market is nearly always bad for the best grades, as the most of the best sheep are usually bought for shipment to that point. The probability is that, in view of the very unsatisfactory market this week, the run the coming week will be light, but the trade generally do not look for any decided improvement until after the holidays, for the reason that game, poultry, etc., will largely take the place of mutton during the time in question. Quotations may be given as follows:

Extra 115a130 ℔s	5,25a5,75
Extra 95a100 lbs	4,25a4,50
Prime 85a90 lbs	3,75a4,00
Good 75a80 lbs	3,00a3,50
Common 70a75 lbs	2,50a2,75

HOGS

There has been a very fair run during the week just closed, but with a demand just about equal to the supply, prices have not fluctuated much. Heavy Yorkers are now more sought after, and are bringing better prices than light weights; until within quite recently it was the other way, the latter sold more readily, and brought better rates than the former. Philadelphia hogs have not varied more than 5a10c ℔ cwt during the past ten days, and the general position of the market was more favorable to sellers than buyers, as the offerings during the time in question were scarcely equal to the demand. We quote as follows:

Light Yorkers, 125a150 ℔s	5,25a5,50
Heavy Yorkers, 200a210 ℔s	5,60a5,75
Philadelphia Hogs	5,90a6,15

Wheat at Chicago.

The receipts of wheat in this city for the twelve weeks ending Dec. 16 were 6,327,490 bu, with a currency price of $1.19, and gold quoted at $1.08. The averages for the corresponding 12 weeks in five previous years were 6,866,729 bu, at $1.06, and gold at $1.12. For ten previous years the average of these 12 weeks was 6,278,907 bu, at $1.22 per bu, and gold variable. These figures may be studied in conjunction with the quantities in store in this city, and at all points included in the 'visible supply,' on the 1st of December in five previous years.

Year.	In Chicago, bu.	Visible supply, bu.
1876	2,849,614	10,382,482
1875	1,463,045	15,762,134
1874	962,019	9,766,224
1873	405,182	7,415,958
1872	445,075	5,089,155
1871	837,245	9,556,578
Average of 5 years	814,513	9,524,012

If to the above receipts of wheat since Oct. 1 be added the excess of receipts of flour over last year for corresponding time—equal to 146,226 bbls, or, reduced to wheat, equal to 731,130 bu—the receipts would then show larger than the average of the past five years.—*Tribune.*

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, December 23, 1876.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

Business has been less active the past week, both in the raw article as well as the product, owing to unfavorable advices from abroad, and prices, as compared with the date of our last weekly review are considerably lower. Antwerp was down as low as 55 francs, a decline of 34 francs, as compared with last week, but yesterday it reacted and advanced to 65; and the fact that that market has reacted, has strengthened our markets, although business is not likely to improve much until after the holidays. However, our refiners very generally are in good shape, having contracts sufficient to absorb their entire production this month and next, nearly all of which were effected before the decline, hence even if the exporters should make another attempt to 'bear' the market, the refiners will be masters of the situation, as they have sold about all they can make for some to come. In regard to the raw article, there is nothing particularly new to report; the consumption continues considerably in excess of the production, as all the refineries, not only here but elsewhere, are being worked up to their full capacity, and the indications are that prices will continue to range from $3.50 to $4, during the next two months; and while producers claim that these rates are too low as compared with the product, they afford a very fair margin for profit nevertheless.

Receipts crude from January 1st to date, 1,669,362 bbls; same time last year, 1,104,437 bbls. Shipments of refined from January 1st to date, 1,005,570 bbls; same time, 1875, 656,829 bbls.

The market for Crude to-day was without important change. United certificates were quoted this P. M. at $3.72a3.76¼, and immediate shipment at $3.85a3.90.

Refined was reported firmer, but quiet and unchanged. New York and Philadelphia, December delivery, 30. There is a continued fair home trade demand, with regular sales at 27c.

Oil Barrels firm at $1.50 for city make, with but few offering at quotations.

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL VIA. A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
S. Craig	Empire o w	558
S. Craig	Miller o w	239
G M Robinson	Eagle o w	449
G M Robinson	J C Fisher	74
G M Robinson	Loomis & Co	74
G M Robinson	Liberty o w	79
Stevenson	Peerless o w	148
Stevenson	Central o w	981
J. Bushnell	Penn o w	74
J. Bushnell	Aladdin o w	444
Total		3,165

SHIPMENTS OF REFINED OIL PER A. V. AND B. AND O. RAILROADS.

Shipper.		Bbls
American Oil Works	Brough, McK. & Co Bal.	1,571
Standard Oil Co	Warden, F & Co. Balt.	1,880
Total		3,451

THE WOOL TRADE.

New York.

Our market remains in much the same condition as for a week or so past. There are a few buyers to be found looking around, and as they are operating for pressing necessities, negotiations progress quickly and favorably when suitable samples are discovered. The demand, however, is neither quick or general, nor does there appear to be any anticipation of much improvement until the first or second month into the new year. Holders are confident still that their accumulations are well worth carrying, and they almost without exception stand out for full rates, especially on upper qualities. Coarse blanket and carpet wools now and then show a little irregularity, but hardly anything in the way of positive weakness, and are not offered freely. Manufacturers are not holding out much encouragement at the moment, and some assert quite positively that they cannot handle wools at current cost and work out a margin for clear profit; but our dealers have not as yet been convinced of the necessity for naming concessions. Foreign grades remain quiet beyond an occasional demand for carpets at former rates. We learn of sales this week of 5,000 lbs tub-washed Western at 45c; 4,000 lbs combing at 52c; 4,000 lbs delaine at 48c; 10,000 lbs medium fleece at 31c; 20,000 lbs X at 44c; 50,000 lbs XX at 48c; 20,000 lbs fine unwashed, 10,000 lbs X and XX Ohio, 50,000 do do, 15,000 lbs XX Western, 220 bags super pulled, 60 bags extra do, 25 bags No. 1 do, 50 bags do do, 10,000 lbs combing do, on private terms; 26,000 lbs fall California at 18@22c; 25 bales spring do, part at 28c; 15,000 lbs fine Western Texas at 21@24c; 10,000 lbs Eastern do, 22@21c; 30,000 lbs do do, at 25@27c; 3,000 lbs do do, 24c; 15,000 lbs Western do, 20@24c; 40,000 lbs do do, 3,500 lbs domestic noils, 6,000 lbs foreign do, 150 bales Donskoi, 50 bales South American, 25,000 lbs Australian on private terms; and 1,000 lbs Cape at 34½c.

(By Telegraph.)

Boston.

BOSTON, December 23.—Business very firm, which gives a confident tone to the wool market, and full prices obtained for all kinds; fleeces were firm; the transactions in Ohio and Pennsylvania has been rather limited, comprising 65,000 lbs X and XX, 43@47c; choice XX and above, held firm at 50c; sales Michigan Western, 200,000 lbs, principally 38@43c; combing and delaines in good demand; sales 129,000 lbs fine delaines and medium combing at 47½@51c; pulled in better demand; sales 150,000 lbs choice eastern and Maine supers at 43@47c; market very firm for desirable lots of super or X.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 23, 1876.

FLOUR—Firm and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat quiet and firm; No. 2 Chicago spring $1,21¾ cash; $1,22¾ January; $1,24½ February; No. 3 $1,10½a1,10¾; rejected 96a97c. Corn dull, and prices a shade lower; 44⅞a44½c cash; 44⅞c January; 44⅞c February; rejected 38½c. Oats steady and firm at 33½c cash; 34c January. Rye firmer at 69½a70c. Barley quiet and unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull, and prices a shade lower: $16,35 cash; $16,45 January; $16,70 February. Lard: good demand; shade higher; $10,55 cash; $10,60a10,61½ January; $10,72½a10,72¾ February. Bulk meats quiet and unchanged.

WHISKY—Quiet at $1,08.

New York.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Flour a shade less doing; receipts 8,000 bbls. Rye flour steady at $4,50a5,15. Cornmeal steady; western $2,80a3,10. Wheat irregular and unsettled; rejected spring $1,05a1,07; No. 2 Milwaukee $1,40; No. 3 $1,32; No. 2 Chicago nominally $1,37a1,38. Rye quiet; western 82a84c. Barley firm; No. 2 Canada 98c a$1. Corn in moderate demand and unchanged; receipts 23,000 bush. Oats dull; receipts 14,000 bushels; western mixed and State 38a49c. Hay firm at 65a70. Hops unchanged. Coffee quiet; Rio cargoes 17 a20½c. Molasses and Rice quiet. Petroleum dull; crude 16c; refined 30c; cases nominal; naphtha 15c. Rosin easier. Turpentine easier at 49c. Eggs: western 28a29½c. Pork dull; $17a17,25. Beef quiet; long clear middles 8⅜a9c. Lard dull; prime steam $10,70a10,80. Butter: western 14a30c. Cheese quiet and firm; 7a14½c. Whisky easier; $1,13½.

Metals.—Manufactured copper: Ingot lake dull at 19½a20c. Iron: Scotch pig $26a29; American dull and heavy at $18a21; Russia sheet 10½a11c gold. Nails quiet; cut $3; clinch $4,50a5,25; horseshoe 20a26c.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, December 23.—Petroleum quiet and unchanged. Flour active; Wisconsin family $6,50; Minnesota $6,50a7; Penna., Ohio and Indiana $6,40a7,25; high grades $8a9. Wheat firm. Rye 77a82c. Corn: old scarce; new abundant; old yellow 60c; new 54a57 1-2c; new mixed 52c; white 54a59c; sail 57a58½c. Oats wanted; western white 39a43c. Mess pork $17,25. Lard: 10⅜a10½c. Whisky: western $1,13. Receipts: wheat 2,000 bush.; corn 50,000. Butter active; New York and Bradford county extra 32a33c; firsts 27a30c; western extras 25a27c; firsts 21a22c. Cheese steady and firm; western 13 3-4a14½c. Eggs: western fresh 29a31c.

Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, December 23.—Flour strong and unchanged. Wheat scarce, quiet and unchanged. Corn: western active; mixed old 60a60½c; new 59½c. Oats dull; western white 36a37c; mixed 33a35. Rye nominaly 70a72c. Cloverseed steady and firm; $14a15. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Butter easier but not quotably lower. Petroleum: crude quiet; 12¼a12½c; refined nominal. Coffee strong, quiet and unchanged. Whisky dull; nominally $1,13½a1,14. Receipt of wheat 3,000 bushels; corn 84,500. Shipments of wheat 13,000 bushels, corn 94,000.

Foreign.

LONDON, December 23.—Refined petroleum 23a24d.

ANTWERP, December 23.—Refined petroleum 65f.

LIVERPOOL, December 23.—Cotton firm at 6 9-16a6¾d; sales 20,000 bales; speculation and export 4,000; American 7,000. California white wheat average 11sa11s 4d; Club 11s 3da11s 8d; red western spring 10s a10s 8d; winter 10s 2da10s 4d. Flour 23a 25s. Corn 27a27½s. Oats 3a3½s. Barley 3½s. Pork 67½s. Refined petroleum 24d; spirits 14d.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, December 23.—Cotton quiet and unchanged at 11⅜c. Flour firm and in fair demand. Wheat quiet and firm; red $1,30a1,40. Corn dull and lower at 42a 43c. Oats quiet at 30a38c. Rye firm at 80c. Barley dull and unchanged. Pork held at $16,75 cash. Lard active; steam 10⅜a10½c; kettle 11c. Bulk meats quiet; shoulders 6¼a6½c; clear rib 8 1-8a8½c; clear 8⅜a8½c. Bacon dull at 7½a9½a9¾c. Green meats firm; shoulders $5,85; short rib $7,95. Hams 9a10c. Whisky in fair demand at $1,08. Butter dull and unchanged.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, December 23.—Sugar firm; common 6¼a7c; fair to good fair 7¼a 7½c; fair to fully fair 7⅝a7¾c. Molasses quiet; common 37c; fair 38a40c; prime to choice 43a50c. Others unchanged.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 23.—Cotton firmly held at 11½c. Flour steady; extra $4,50a 4,75; family $5a5,50. Wheat dull and nominal. Corn dull at 44c. Rye quiet at 80c. Oats firmer; white 40c; mixed 37c. Pork dull at $15,75a17. Bulk meats quiet at 6¼a6⅝a8¼a8⅜a8½c. Lard dull; tierces 11c; kegs 11¾c. Whisky dull; $1,08.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, December 23.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat weak; No. 2 white Wabash held at $1,45; No. 3 do $1,28; No. 1 white Michigan $1,37; amber spot and seller February $1,44. Corn dull; new high mixed 44⅜c; new yellow 46c; rejected 44c. Oats firmer; white 38¾c; Michigan 37c; rejected 32c.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, December 23.—Cotton dull; middling 11½c. Flour unchanged. Wheat dull; No. 2 red fall $1,37½. Corn steady; 39½c. Oats firm; 32 1-2c. Rye dull; 69½c. Barley firm and unchanged. Whisky dull: $1,08. Pork dull $16,37 1-2c. Lard dull: 10 1-2c. Bulk meats: nothing doing. Bacon only small jobbing trade.

Boston.

BOSTON, December 23.—Flour very firm and in steady demand from jobbers; winter wheat Ohio, Indiana and Michigan $6,25a 7,25; Illinois $6,50a8,25; St. Louis $6,75a 9,00; patent Wisconsin and Minnesota $7,75a10,00. Corn firm and in steady demand. Oats firm; No. 1 white 54a55c; mixed and No. 2 white 51a52c.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, December 23.—Flour firmly held. Wheat closed firm; No. 1 Milwaukee $1,29; No. 2 $1,23; No. 3 $1,13. Corn steady; No. 2 44 1-2c. Oats dull; No. 2 32 3-4c. Rye firm; No. 1 69c. Barley dull; No. 2 spring cash 76½a77c; No. 3 42c.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, December 23.—Cotton firm; 11⅜c; sales 1,700 bales; receipts 3,300; shipments 2,400. Corn steady; mixed 60a62c; white 60a65c. Oats firm; mixed 50a54c. Others unchanged.

Oswego.

OSWEGO, December 23.—Wheat: moderate demand; No. 1 white Toledo $1,50; No. 2 Milwaukee club $1,35. Corn firm; 58a59c.

Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, December 23.—Petroleum market unchanged; s. w. 110 test 27c.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO, December 23.—Cattle: receipts 530 head; shipments 1,860; fairly active for good medium to extra choice at $4,05a5,20; stockers $3,05a3,30; Texans $2,65a275, closing firm, especially for shipping. Hogs: receipts 13,000 head; shipments 2,400; fair demand and good prices; except packers, which were 10 cents lower; sales of extra heavy at $6.15; heavy rough to choice smooth $5,62 1-2a6,10; light $5,70a5,75. Sheep: receipts 260; weak at $3,75.

ST. LOUIS, December 23.—Hogs lower and weak; common to medium $5,50a5,60; fair to good $5,70a5,80. Cattle slow and unchanged.

CINCINNATI, December 23.—Hogs in fair demand but at lower rates; common $5a 5,40; fair to good light $5,50a5,75; heavy $6,05a6,10.

Cotton.

SAVANNAH, December 23.—Cotton quiet; middlings 11⅜c; net receipts 3,470 bales; gross receipts 3,470; sales 2,000; exports to Great Britain 3,845; coastwise 124; channel 228.

MOBILE, December 23.—Cotton quiet; middlings 11½c; net receipts 2,587 bales; gross 2,587; sales 500; exports to Great Britain 3,694; coast 132.

GALVESTON, December 23.—Cotton quiet; net receipts 3,868 bales; middlings 11½c; gross receipts 3,868; sales 1,012.

CHARLESTON, December 23.—Cotton firm; middlings 12⅛c; net receipts 3,876 bales; gross blank; sales 1,000; exports to Great Britain 9 675; coast 634.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, December 23.—The print market was fairly active and prices firm, with an upward tendency. Harmony prints advanced 1-2c, and Central Park shirtings are up to 6 3 4c. Cotton goods are very firm at ruling rates. Hope and Fitchville bleached shirtings sold at value. Men's wear woolens are in fair demand by clothiers. Foreign goods remain dull.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R. R.—10 bbls oil, G G Pennock; 10 do whisky, J J Speck; 24 bdls t racks, W Mitchell; 5 bbls whisky, Harris & E; 50 kgs p feet 10 hf bbls do, W B Hays; 15 do 25 kgs do, E H Myers; 10 do 3 hf bbls do, Walker, D & Co; 10 bxs soap, S Lindsay; 35 do, Dorrington Bros; 3 bxs yeast, Kramer & S; 3 bdls k d tables, Gaus & L; 10 qur butts tobacco 25½ cads do, J W Taylor; 21 hides 6 calf skins 2 sheep do 3 bbls tallow, J Brant; 4 bbls b hides 1 bbl tallow 1 s board, J Hahner; 5 bbls whisky, J L Donaldson; 4 bbls apples, M Sharp; 6 bbls flour, S Lindsay; 4 tub butter, J H Loh; 6 tubs do 25 sks meal, Caskey, B & Co; 29 tubs butter, Head, C & Co; 5 firkins do, Voigt M & Co; 13 bbls poultry, McAllister, G & Co; 45 do 18 bxs do, Bellan Bro; 476 sks flour, Peabody, H & Co; 240 do 50 do meal, Luebbe Bro; 1 car corn, D G Stewart; 6 sks meal, S Crawford.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R. CO.—11 cars o bbls, Lockhart & F; 1 do oats, J Graham; 1 do lumber, G McKee; 1 do oil, Paine, A & Co; 1 do shoulders, M M Fried; 1 do wheat, Whitmyer & Co; 2 cases w in s, J Kauffman; 5 bbls alcohol, B L Fahnestock; 8 do glass, W McCully; 2 bxs s cases, F Pollard; 461 bdls paper, Hill, W & Co; 14 pkgs wagons, S Hare; 20 hides, W Flaccus & Son; 1 ck ware, A O'Leary; 48 rolls leather, 2 sks tails, 1 bdl pelts, J Callery; 120 bxs g bxs, C C Frolich; 1 bale corks, Armstrong Bros; 18 pails tobacco, J Zimmerman; 5 bxs fish, T McCoy; 1 do confec, C L Flaccus; 1 do paper, A C Bakewell; 8 bxs fish, Garrett & S; 1 bbl wine, J Hartman; ⅛ do, E Hohnman; ⅛ do, J Auhier; 1 bbl d pins, Central R Co; 4½ bbls butter, 1 sk h nuts, Steel, T & Co; 40 do oats, Bryce, W & Co; 50 bbls cider, H W Buffum.

PITTSBURGH FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO R R.—30 bbls apples, Wilbert & W; 100 bbls flour, J Wilson; 15 bbls flour, J Porterfield; 1 do turkeys, J F Bradshaw; 2 bxs butter, Voigt, M & Co; 464 bxs cheese, N J Braden; 80 bxs soap, T C Jenkins; 1 car flour, Shomaker & Co; 3 do hay, O H Allerton; 25 bxs starch, Haworth & D; 2 cars flour, Roberts & S; 1 do, T C Jenkins; 4 do meal, E H Myer; 10 bbls whisky, R Kanffeld; 14 pkgs pickles, C A Anderson; 21 sks rye, Elwood & McC; 38 bgs s seed, A Kirkpatrick; 1 car lumber, H C Roberts; 99 sks rye, W J Meek; 2 cars wheat, Whitmyer & Co; 5 rolls leather, J Callery; 8 bxs tobacco, J Kann; 12 stands venison, Vangorder & S.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R. CO.—3 cars ice, Chant L I Co; 1 do hay, O H Allerton; 34 do coal, Armstrong, D & Co; 109 do coal, N Y & G C Co; 23 do, Sable Coal Co; 1 do acid, Pgh Acid W'ks; 4 do o bbls, American O W; 2 do p oil, Citizens O W; 1 do, Paine, A & Co; 1 do, Penna R R; 1 c saw Hubbard, L B & Co; 3 hogs, J Bryce; 3 calves, P Vogely; 3 bbls apples, T Harper; 15 do, A C Bakewell; 5 hides, J Callery; 3 d hogs, H F Cochran; 55 bbls hides, J Callery; 1 bbl sugar, A Kirkpatrick; 1 bbl poultry, Blanchard & Co; 1 do 1 bx poultry, W McAllister; 2 pcs beef, J Parker; 1 bbl poultry, J S Barr.

ALLEGHENY STATION.—1 car lime, Holmes & Co; 6 cars cooperage, J M Hemphill; 1 do, J H Lotz; 1 do seconds, Hack & S; 29 bdls b bdls, E H Mathews; 2 bbls poultry, F Snouffer; 2 bxs do, 2 do butter, G Snouffer; 1 bbl do, M J Clark; 1 box do, 1 do eggs, W Creese; 2 cars hides, A & J Groetzinger; 36 bbls wine, 4 ½ ck do, 6 do brandy, 26 pkgs c goods, G Etzel; 1 car hoops, Haller, B & Co; 1 car lumber, Hamilton, L A & Co; 1 do m feed, J M White; 1 do shoulders, G F Smith; 2 d hogs, 1 bag beans, P H Ittle; 24 sks flour, G McFerron.

RECEIPTS AT PITTSBURGH GRAIN ELEVATOR—1 car oats, D G Miller; 2 do, Keil & R; 1 do rye, McHenry & H.

Receipts of Pig Metal, etc.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.			
W J Hammond s	8	E H Wilson m	1
Total	9		
ALLEGHENY VALLEY R R.			
Byers McC & Co m	1		
CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.			
J Moorhead b	4	S. B. & Co. o	7
Lewis O & P o	1	Isabella Fur o	18
Total	30		
PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO R. R.			
Byers McC & Co m	4	Nimick & Co m	4
Pgh F & I Co s	5	Zug & Co m	2
Lindsay & McC m	1	Isabella Fur o	6
Total	21		

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RIVER NEWS.

THE weather continues decidedly winterish and the prospects for an early resumption of navigation are by no means favorable.

No progress has been made toward raising the sunken Carl Schurz.

COAL is selling to steamers at New Orleans and Memphis at 50c per box, and at the former place the price has been advanced to 45c per bbl by the boat load.

AT New Orleans, a few days ago, the John Howard took on board 1050 sacks salt in fifty minutes.

THREE of the Raven's empty barges, left above Foster's landing, have had their sides mashed in by ice. The Raven is laid up at Cox's landing.

THE Charles Morgan has been lightened off from the bar at Plum Point, and now lies safe at the bank, opposite Osceola, at Hollins'.

CAPT. John Stowe, commander of the circus-boat C. P. Huntington, died on board his boat, anchored below the Vicksburg Elevator, at 10 o'clock Sunday morning last.

THE sternwheel Ella lies straight in six inches of water, one mile below Marianna, in the L'Anguille River, and 18 miles from the St. Francis, also 40 miles above Helena. In forwarding her cotton by flatboat, 15 or 20 bales tumbled into the river and got a wetting. None was lost however.

CAPT. Bob Groomes went up the river from Memphis Wednesday night to take out the machinery of the burned steamer Frank Forest, the wreck of which lies in 5 feet of water, some 35 miles above there. The West Wind, Mary Ament, and some coal barges lay about 2 miles below the Forest, at Sexton's, and all safe and secure.

THE steamer Albany was sold by the U. S. Marshal, at Dubuque, on Monday last, to Hansen & Linehar, for $800.

THE Supreme Court of Iowa has decided the wharfage case of the City of Burlington vs. the Northwestern and Keokuk Northern Line Packet Co. in favor of the plaintiffs.

THE Grand Republic had 4700 bales cotton on board when she left Teureno.

H. W. SHAW, better known as Josh Billings, has lately been interviewed by somebody, who gives the result to the public. In alluding to some incidents of his life, he said that about 40 years ago, when about 15 years old, he came to St. Louis and stopped some time. He had been a steamboatman on the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers, and had, as an auctioneer, traveled all over the West, stopping at many places at an early day, of which he retains a plentiful supply of reminiscences.

THE N. J. Bigley, Alice Brown, E. M. Norton, Ike Hammitt, Ironsides, Bee, Dick Fulton are the Ohio river steamers ice-bound at Cairo.

CAPT. H. A. Dohrman, clerk of the Belle of Shreveport, is sick at his home in Steubenville, Ohio.

THE following are the latest transfers at St. Louis: Filed November 25—Steamer Dells, by Jas. Fetlow, of Chester, Ill., to John H. Harris, of St. Louis, for $900. Nov. 16—Barge Silver Wave, by the U. S. Marshal; to August Beckman, for $190. Steamer Hickory and barge, to W. McFall, Nov. 25, by Hickory Transportation Co., for $10,000, to the Chester & Harris Manufacturing Co.

A FLATBOAT with 131 tons of hay, belonging to Gilliam & Coombs, has broken in two, and is high and dry on the middle bar of Island No. 8, below Hickman.

THE ferryboat at Greenfield, below Cairo, has sunk on the Missouri shore.

THE water has fallen 4 feet since the Centennial sunk, and it is thought now there is little doubt that she will be raised.

THE owners of steamers, coal barges and other floating crafts at Cincinnati are cutting away the ice around their property, and otherwise endeavoring to secure it against injury when the ice moves again.

BELOW we give Prof. Tice's predictions to the latter part of next month: Dec. 19th to 22d, moderating, barometer falling, temperature rising clouding and threatening weather with heavy rain and snow storms; 22d to 25th, barometer rising, temperature falling, clearing fair but cold weather; 25th to 28th, moderating, barometer falling, temperature rising, cloudy, threatening weather, with rain or snow; 28th to 30th, barometer rising, temperature falling, and probably quite cold weather; 31st, moderating and threatening. January comparatively warm spells will occur about 1st, 6th, 11th, 17th, 22d and 28th.

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k6-T WM. PORTER, Administrator.

PITTSBURGH, December 12, 1876.

NOTICE—I HAVE THIS DAY SOLD and transferred all my stock in the Anchor Savings Bank to WM. R. NIEBAUM.

m61 JOHN R. NIEBAUM.

PROPOSALS.

WESTERN STATE PENITENTIARY, ALLEGHENY, Dec. 16, 1876.

PROPOSALS—SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until FRIDAY EVENING, 22d inst., for furnishing the following supplies for the use of the Prison, viz: FRESH BEEF—Per 100 pounds, free of bone. LUMP COAL and COARSE SLACK—To be delivered in large wagons. Each contract for one year from January 1, 1877. The Board of Inspectors reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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Cash on hand and in bank	$ 588,559 74
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	436,501 63
Real Estate	365,000 00
Mortgage bonds	1,418,060 00
Bank and Trust Company stocks	1,330,150 00
Railroad Stocks	579,686 00
Loans on bond and mortgage	81,500 00
Loans on collaterals	13,727 00
United States, State and city stock and other securities	1,969,465 61
Total	$6,793,649 98

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CITY TIME.

MAIN LINE EASTWARD.

PACIFIC EXPRESS daily, except Monday, at 2:56 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 11:45 a. m., Philadelphia 3:45 p. m., New York 6:45 p. m.

MAIL TRAIN daily, except Sunday, 7:16 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 8:15 p. m.

DAY EXPRESS daily, at 8:26 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 3:55 p. m., Philadelphia 7:20 p. m., New York 10:15 p. m., Baltimore 7:35 p. m., Washington 9:07 p. m.

ATLANTIC EXPRESS daily at 12:51 p. m., arriving at Harrisburg 11:05 p. m., Philadelphia 3:10 a. m., New York 6:15 a. m.

PHILADELPHIA EXPRESS daily, except Sunday, 4:31 p. m., arriving at Harrisburg 2:40 a. m., Philadelphia 7:00 a. m., New York 10:05 a. m.

FAST LINE daily at 8:06 p. m.; arriving at Harrisburg 3:50 a. m., Philadelphia 7:35 a. m., New York 10:25 a. m., Baltimore 7:45 a. m., Washington 9:15 a. m.

JOHNSTOWN ACCOMMODATION 3:31 p.m.

WALL'S ACCOMMODATION 6:41, 10:21, 11:46 a. m., 2:41, 5:01, 5:46, 6:11, 11:31 p. m. Sunday 12:46 p. m.

BRINTON ACCOMMODATION 6:06 a. m., and 9:26 p. m. Sunday 9:26 p. m.

WILKINSBURG ACCOMMODATION 9:21 a. m., 1:41, 3:11, 3:31, 7:41 and 10:11 p. m.

MAIN LINE WESTWARD.

Trains arrive at Union Depot (city time) as follows:

Mail Train daily, except Monday	12:41 a.m.
Pittsburgh Express daily, except Monday	7:51 a.m.
Cincinnati Express daily	8:11 a.m.
Pacific Express daily	1:41 p.m.
Way Passenger daily	8:26 p.m.
Fast Line daily	11:11 p.m.
Johnstown accommodation	10:26 a.m.

Wall's Accommodation 6:36, 9:01 a. m., 1:21, 2:41, 5:51, 7:21 and 7:56 p. m. Sunday 10:01 a. m., 7:11 p. m.

Brinton Accommodation 7:41 and 8:16 a. m., and 11:16 p. m. Sunday 7:56 p. m.

Wilkinsburg Accommodation 7:11, 11:46 a. m., 3:06, 4:41, 7:31, and 9:31 p. m.

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WEST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

From Federal Street Depot, Allegheny City, (city time):

MAIL TRAIN, connecting for Butler..7:11 a.m.
EXPRESS, connecting for Butler.......2:31 p.m.
BUTLER ACCOM..9:31 a. m. Sunday at 7:46 a. m.
FREEPORT ACCOM.......4:56 p.m.
SPRINGDALE ACC., 9:16, 11:31 a. m., 6:16, and 11:31 p. m. On Sunday at 12:51 and 9:11 p. m.
SHARPSBURG ACCOM.......8:41 p. m.
MARKET TRAIN FOR BUTLER.......3:51 p.m.

Trains arrive at Federal Street Depot (city time):

Express, connecting from Butler.......9:58 a.m.
Mail Train, connecting from Butler.......5:26 p.m.
Butler Ac. 1.06 p. m. On Sunday at 6:56 p. m.
Freeport Accom.......8:06 a.m.
Springdale Accom., 6:51 a. m., 3:51 and 7:16 p. m. On Sunday at 9:51 a. m. and 6:41 p. m.
Sharpsburg Accom.......9:51 p.m.
Market Train from Butler.......9:01 a.m.

The Excelsior Baggage Express Company will call for and check baggage from hotels and residences. Time cards and full information can be obtained at the Ticket Offices, No. 78 Fifth avenue and the Union Depot.

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PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY. CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

On and after Dec. 4th, 1876, Trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, City Time, as follows:

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Crestline Mail	6:12am	Atlantic Ex	2:42am
Erie & Asht. Ex	7:27am	Wheeling Ex	10:47am
Cl. & Wh'g Mail	8:32am	Chicago Ex	12:27pm
Chicago Ex	12:02pm	Erie & Asht. Ex	2:42pm
Cl. & Wh'g Ex	1:52pm	Cl. & Wh'g Mail	3:42pm
Pacific Ex	2:12pm	Cleveland Ex	3:52pm
Wheeling Ex	4:17pm	Ch. & St. L. Ex	7:47pm
Erie & War Ex	4:32pm	Cl. & Wh'g Ex	7:57pm
Fast Line	11:42pm	Erie Ex	11:37pm
Depart from Allegheny.		Arrive in Allegheny.	
Beaver Falls Ac	8:47am	Leetsdale Ac	6:42am
Leetsdale Ac	10:27am	Beaver Falls Ac	7:27am
Leetsdale Ac	12:07pm	Beaver Falls Ac	8:12am
Sharpsville Ac	1:12pm	Enon Accom	9:12am
Leetsdale Ac	2:37pm	Leetsdale Ac	11:52am
Enon Accom	3:37pm	Leetsdale Ac	12:52pm
Leetsdale Ac	5:12pm	Beaver Falls Ac	2:12pm
Beaver Falls Ac	6:22pm	Leetsdale Ac	4:22pm
Leetsdale Ac	7:02pm	Leetsdale Ac	5:52pm
Leetsdale Ac	11:22pm	Leetsdale Ac	10:02pm
Fair Oaks Sunday Church	12:42pm	Sunday Church	9:52am

Pacific Express leaves Daily. Fast Line leaves Daily, except Saturday. Chicago Express arrives Daily. Atlantic Express arrives Daily, Mondays excepted. All other trains will leave and arrive daily, Sundays excepted.

F. R. MYERS, General Passenger and Ticket Agent.
J. D. LAYNG, General Manager.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY. (Panhandle Route.)

On and after SUNDAY, Nov. 26, 1876, Trains leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows, Pittsburgh time:

DEPART.

Pacific Express	8:42am
Fast Line	11:32pm
Steubenville Accommodation	7:17am
Washington Accommodation	9:17am
McDonald's Accommodation	11:02am
Dennison Accommodation	3:52pm
Washington Accommodation	4:52pm
McDonald's Accommodation	6:12pm
Mansfield Accommodation	11:02pm
Sunday Church Train to McDonald	12:42pm
Sunday evening Ch. Train to Mansfield	9:42pm

ARRIVE.

Cincinnati Express	8:02am
Fast Line	7:57pm
McDonald's Accommodation	6:47am
Washington Accommodation	8:22am
Dennison Accommodation	9:42am
McDonald's Accommodation	2:02pm
Washington Accommodation	3:57pm
Steubenville Accommodation	5:32pm
Mansfield Accommodation	7:17pm
Sunday Church Train from McDonald	9:57am

Pacific Express and Fast Line leave daily. Cincinnati Express Fast Line and Mansfield Accommodation arrive daily.

All other trains will run daily, except Sunday.

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BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH DIVISION.

On and after SUNDAY, DEC. 4th, 1876, trains on this road will depart from and arrive at Depot, corner Grant and Water streets, as follows, Pittsburgh time:

DEPART.		ARRIVE.	
Fayette co. Ac	7:10am	McKeesport Ac	6:45am
McKeesport Ac	8:42am	McKeesport Ac	7:40am
Through Mail	9:24am	W. Newton Ac	8:25am
McKeesport Ac	11:20am	Through Express	8:35am
McKeesport Ac	3:20pm	Uniontown Ex	9:40am
Uniontown Ex	3:55pm	McKeesport Ac	12:40pm
McKeesport Ac	4:15pm	McKeesport Ac	2:00pm
W. Newton Ac	5:08pm	Fayette co. Ex	5:33pm
McKeesport Ac	6:20pm	McKeesport Ac	6:05pm
Through Ex	7:00pm	McKeesport Ac	7:32pm
McKeesport Ac	11:15pm	Through Mail	8:20pm
Church Train	12:45pm	Church Train	10:05am
Church Train	9:30pm	Church Train	6:45pm
Through Ex	11.00pm		

Through Express arrives daily. Through Mail arrives daily, except Sunday.

Accommodation trains and Fayette Co. express daily except Sunday.

Through Mail leaving at 9:24 a. m. daily, except Sunday, arrives at Washington 9:10 p. m., Baltimore 10:30 p. m., Richmond 7:05 a. m., Philadelphia 3:05 a. m., New York 6:25 a. m.

Through Express leaving at 7 p. m. daily, except Sunday, arrives at Washington 6:35 a. m., Baltimore 8:30 a. m., Richmond 11:30 p. m., Philadelphia 1:15 p. m., New York 5:05 p. m.

Through Express leaving at 11 p. m. Sundays only, arrives at Washington 12 noon, Baltimore 1:40 p. m., Philadelphia 6:50 p. m.

QUICK TIME TO MT. PLEASANT, CONNELLSVILLE AND UNIONTOWN.

Leave Pittsburgh 9:24 a. m., arrive at Connellsville 11:16 a. m., Uniontown 11:44 a. m.

Leave Pittsburgh 3:55 p. m., arrive at Connellsville 6:06 p. m., Uniontown 6:45 p. m.

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E. K. HYNDMAN, Superintendent.
L. M. COLE, Genl. Ticket Agent.
R. EVANS, Passenger Agent.

PITTSBURGH, VIRGINIA & CHARLESTON RAILWAY.

On and after SUNDAY, Nov. 26, 1876, and until further notice, Trains will leave and arrive at the New Depot, corner Fourth avenue and Try street, Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh time:

DEPART.		ARRIVE.	
Monon. Mail	9:10am	Pittsburgh Ac.	8:37am
Monon. ac	10:52am	Pittsburgh Ex.	10:31am
Monongahela ex	3:05pm	Pittsburgh Ac.	1:37pm
Monongahela ac	5:50pm	Pittsburgh Mail	5:20pm

Homestead accommodation leaves Ormsby at 6:00 a. m., returning, leaves Homestead at 6.22 a. m., running to Birmingham.

CHURCH TRAIN leaves Monongahela City every Sunday at 8:00 a. m., stopping at all points for passengers, and reaching Pittsburgh at 10:08 a. m. Returning, leaves Pittsburgh at 12:40 p. m., arriving at Monongahela City at 2:50 p. m.

All trains from Pittsburgh run through to Monongahela City.

Through connections to and from Brownsville and all intermediate points on the Monongahela river, daily, (except Sunday,) as follows: Leave Brownsville at 5:00 a. m. and 12 m., connecting to reach Pittsburgh at 10:31 a. m. and 1:37 and 5:20 p. m. Returning, trains leave Pittsburgh at 9:10 a. m., 3:05, 5:50 p. m., connect with Packets, reaching Brownsville at 4:00, 8:45 and 11:00 p. m.

Leave orders for Baggage at General Office, 61 Fourth avenue.

JOHN M. BYERS, Ch. Eng. and Supt.
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ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD—On and after MONDAY, DEC. 11, 1876, trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows, Pittsburgh Time:

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Arnolds Park Accom	6:50am	Night Express	6:20am
Buffalo Ex	8:15am	Arnolds Park Ac	8:40am
S. Works Ac	10:15am	S. Works Ac	9:10am
Freeport Ac	11:40am	Arnolds Park Ac	9:55am
Titusville Ex	1:55pm	Emlt'on & Reynoldsville Ac	11:15am
Emlt'on & Reynoldsville Ac	3:20pm	S. Works Ac	1:45pm
Arnolds Park Ac	5:00pm	Titusville Ex	2:35pm
S. Works Ac	6:15pm	Freeport Ac	6:00pm
Night Ex	8:25pm	Arnolds Park Ac	7:30pm
Arnolds Park ac	11:10pm	Buffalo Ex	7:58pm

All Trains Daily, except Sunday.

Church Train leaves Soda Works at 8:40 a. m., arriving at Pittsburgh at 10:05 a. m.; returning, leaves Pittsburgh at 12:40 p. m., arriving at Soda Works at 2:05 p. m. Stopping at all stations.

Sunday Special—Leaves Pittsburgh at 8:15 a. m., arriving at Emlenton 12:25 p. m., returning leaves Emlenton 3:10 p. m., arriving at Pittsburgh 7.15 p. m., stopping at all stations.

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·HOME NEWS.

Light rain or snow, followed by partly cloudy weather, northerly to westerly winds, rising barometer and slight changes in temperature are indicated for to-day.

No paper will be issued from this office to-morrow.

Iron City College.

Corner Penn avenue and Sixth street, Pittsburgh. Day and evening sessions. Students admitted at any time. For terms call on, or address J. C. Smith, A. M. Principal.

Holiday Excursions.

Excursion tickets for the holidays, from this date to January 1st, 1877, will be sold on the Pittsburgh Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and its branches, good for return trips from day of sale until January 5th, 1877, on all passenger trains to and from their regular stopping places. The country through which this road passes abounds with game of all kinds, and sportsmen should embrace this opportunity of low fare, for a week of enjoyment in the mountains of Fayette or Somerset counties, where deer and wild turkies are to be found in great abundance.

Off the Track.

The passenger train over the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, due here at 12:27 yesterday, did not reach the city until ten minutes after eight o'clock last evening. The delay was occasioned by a misplaced switch a short distance east of Fort Wayne. The baggage car and one passenger car were wrecked, and a passenger, whose name was not learned, was killed. He had attempted to jump off the cars, and was caught in the wreck.

Struck with a Link.

Yesterday afternoon one of the P., F. W. & C. R. R. engines jumped the track near Strawberry Lane, Ninth ward, Allegheny. Another engine was obtained and an attempt made to pull the engine back upon the track again. While at work one of the iron coupling links used, broke and a piece of the link was thrown with considerable force. In its course it knocked the hat off the head of John Turner and then struck a carpenter named John Heish in the face and tore open his left cheek, making a wound from his chin to the eye and almost reaching to the left year. He was removed to his home No. 376 Chartiers street, in an insensible condition and Dr. Buchanan summoned. His injuries are not considered of a very serious nature.

Allegheny Fire Department.

The Committee on Fire Engines of Allegheny Councils, met on Saturday evening, Mr. S. D. Sholes presiding, for the purpose of ordering a new engine to replace the Gen. Grant engine. Mr. Stedeford moved that an Amoskeag steam fire engine be purchased. This met with considerable opposition, as some of the members thought it would be a good plan to try either the Silsby or Gould Manufacturing Companies engines. After considerable discussion Mr. Stedeford's motion was voted down. Mr. Cochran then retired, leaving the committee without a quorum, and the committee then adjourned. Some rather personal remarks were then indulged in by several of the gentlemen present.

The Committee on City Property met on the same evening, with Mr. Slack in the chair. About a half dozen plans for the new engine house for the Friendship Engine Company were submitted by different authorities. The plans were carefully examined, and finally one of the plans submitted by Messrs. Bailey & Auglin was adopted. The estimated cost of the new building is $6,500. It was agreed to allow only one and one-half per cent. on the cost of the building for the plans and specifications.

CURLING.

Auld Scotland's Grand National Game,

can be witnessed to-day on the basin of the Brilliant Hill Water Works. The Curlers from Allegheny will meet at the warehouse of Jas. W. Drape & Co., 182 Federal street, Allegheny, at 7:30 o'clock, and proceed to the scene of action immediately thereafter. The game will commence at 9:30 o'clock. Lovers of the game and friends invited.

PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

Closing Exercises of the Night School Fourth Ward, Allegheny—Progress and Attendance Good—The Successful Competetors for Prizes.

The night school of the Fourth ward Allegheny City, which has been under the guardianship of Prof S. A. Espey, closed on, Friday evening of last week with a public examination and musical entertainment. The singing was excellent, and was greatly enjoyed by the audience. The examination proved the progress of the scholars to be unprecedented, particularly in penmanship and book-keeping, the studies for which prizes were offered. After the examination prizes were announced as follows: 1st, William Miller; 2d, Leon Einstein; 3d, Charles P. Brown. The following pupils were decided to be worthy of special mention: Alice Riddle, Sophia Eigenrauch, Henry Langer and Sebastian Schmelze.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Prof. Espey was surprised by being made the recipient of a handsome easy chair, a gift from the young gentlemen of his school as an evidence of their appreciation of his efforts to make the school porfitable to them.

The total enrollment of the school was 40; average attendance 36; per cent. of attendance 86; average cost per pupil for the term of 3 months $4.41.

THEY WANTED TO BE TIED.

A Little Ripple in the Course of True Love.

The day before yesterday a stalwart youth and a blooming maiden departed their homes in Yoder township, near Johnstown, in a fancy sleigh, behind a spanking team. They were ostensibly on a little pleasure excursion, but that was only a blind thrown over the old folks' eyes. During the day the sleigh drew up at the office of 'Squire Cox, and the beau sprang lightly out, held the coy, blushing damsel a moment in his strong arms, and then deposited her gently on the pavement, while she looked up in his face with a 'lasses-candy smile. The 'Squire was at home, and they immediately made known the object of their errand—they wanted to be tied. He asked the young man his age. "Twenty-one next July," he answered. The girl said she was only fourteen, but "her papa said she might." The young man said, "The old folks are agreed, and we want to be hitched." But the 'Squire would not go through with the ceremony, though Alonzo and Melissa plead with all their young hearts. Finally they were told that if they would bring a written consent from their parents they would be made one, but not unless, and they went away—the young man stern, and sad-eyed, and the maiden tearfully reproaching the 'Squire for his heartlessness. They have not since appeared, and it is more than likely that the sensible old folks couldn't be induced to come around. True love never did run smooth.

CHRISTMAS.

Preparations for its Celebration—How it will be Observed.

Christmas is here, and with it comes its many joys, not entirely unmingled with sorrows. For days past the preparations for a proper observance of the day have been in progress, and Nature, to add zest to the enjoyment, has clothed the earth in a garb of spotless white, emblematic of Him in honor of whom the day is celebrated. The house tops, the fields and the forests, hill and dale, are covered with snow, and the trees glitter with a dazzling brightness as the myriad ice-gems flash back the brilliant rays of the sun. In the streets the bright, "beautiful snow" has been robbed of its virgin purity, a shadow in nature emblematical of the griefs and sorrows which must of necessity mingle with the joy and gladness incident to the festivities of the day. Notwithstanding the trials and hardships with which thousands are contending the Christmas festivities of 1876 will be mirthful and joyous. For the past week shop keepers have been reaping a harvest, and thousands of little folks, ere this, have been made to rejoice at the kindness of "Old Santa Claus," while their parents, who are, of course, delighted at the joy of their loved ones on viewing the empty condition of their plethoric purses of Saturday, are truly thankful that the kind old gentleman's visits are so few and far between as once a year. The Christmas trade in this city so far has been much better than was anticipated by dealers of all kind, which is accepted generally as an indication of an improvement in the times.

The day will be very generally observed by most of the churches and Sunday schools in the city. The Catholic and Episcopal churches all have special services, or we should say the regular Christmas services of the respective churches. The several regular places of amusement will all give matinees this afternoon.

At the Opera House, a piece prepared especially for Christmas, entitled "Not Guilty," will be given by the stock company at both the matinee and evening entertainments.

At Library Hall, "Love's Sacrifice," with Miss Rose Eytinge in the leading *role*, will be the attraction, and in the evening she will give the dual *role* of *Lady Isabel* and *Madame Vine* in "East Lynne."

At the Academy of Music Simmons & Slocum's minstrels will delight the lovers of negro minstrelsy.

At Ashland Hall, on Wylie Avenue, a Welsh musical and literary entertainment will be given, at which prizes to the amount of $300 will be distributed to competitors on music, prose and poetry. The chorus "The Glory of the Lord" will be rendered in the evening by 200 voices.

Buy the Small Cakes made by S. S. Marvin & Co. You will find the quality excellent and pleasing to all.

Bargains in Sacques.

A large stock of Ladies' Basket and Beaver Cloth Sacques closing out at reduced prices, at H. J. Lynch's, Nos. 94 and 96 Market street.

THE GOOD WORK.

Religion and Temperance—Sermon by Rev. A. E. Taylor at the Third Presbyterian Church—Murphy's Meeting at Library Hall.

The Divinity of Christ.

The Rev. Dr. A. E. Taylor, of the University of Wooster, O., delivered an able and eloquent discourse at the Third Presbyterian church yesterday morning upon the "Divinity of Christ." The Reverend gentleman took his text from the seventh chapter of Saint John, forty-sixth verse. "*The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.*" The Jewish rulers becoming alarmed at the increasing popularity of the Man of Nazereth, thought to cripple and destroy his claim of a supernatural power by arrest and confinement. For this purpose they "sent officers to take him." These officers, having listened to our Savior, returned to those who sent them empty handed, and when asked, "Why have you not brought him?" trembled and paled as they replied, "Never man spake like this man." When Jesus was to be taken and His lips silenced, it was not to be done through the instrumentality of the sword, but through the treachery of a kiss. The greatest of earth's greatness—names that have lived through the wear and tear of centuries—if placed in comparison with the work of Christ, must sink into nothingness, and the judgement of the just must be "Never man spake like this man." In Christ's miracles, in His acts, in His daily walks of life, and in His terrible death; permeating every episode of His career on earth—aye, and even following Him beyond the boundaries of life into the silence of the tomb. His divinity appeals to the Christian through all and in all, verifying His own assertion, "I and the Father are one." Not only animate, but inanimate nature bowed before His divinity; the sea obeyed Him and became still; the water turned into wine at His command, and the barren fig-tree withered and died. And as the crowning acknowledgment of His supremacy, the tomb burst asunder and the grave gave up its dead. His words, though simple, have lasted through the ages, and indelibly inscribed themselves on the human heart—whether that heart be of the lowly or the heart of those of gifted mind and great estate. "The common people heard Him gladly." As He took little children in His arms and laid upon them the heavenly benediction, so he lifted up and taught simple human minds the profound truths of divinity. The Lord's Prayer is a compendium of the Ten Commandments, kindled into life by the gospel love; but our children repeat it daily with understanding. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy ladened, and I will give you rest." This sentence were enough to be written over the gates of heaven, were all the gospel lost. Reflect, again, upon the personality or penetration with which he spoke. He had no fear of man before his eyes—that terrible bane of an uninspired ministry. He spoke to the rich without a recognition of their wealth; He reproached the Pharisees, rebuked His own disciples, and, after having long and patiently endured the contentions and insidious malice of the rulers, he launched at them the most terrible phillipic, the most searching and scathing analysis of their hypocrisy, and most powerful condemnation of their vices that ever withered human hearts. He spoke as a God, because he *was* God.

The reverend speaker concluded his remarks with a powerful appeal to his hearers to open their hearts to the immortal words of the Divinity that had humbly clothed itself in human form to reach and save them.

Library Hall.

Library Hall was crowded to its fullest capacity last evening to hear and see Mr. Francis Murphy and the Temperance Brigade. Long before the exercises of the evening commenced every seat was occupied, and there was a look of pleasure and expectancy on the face of all, which denoted that though curiosity may have led their steps thither, hearts full of sympathy with the movement showed them the way. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, Miss Smyth, and a number of volunteers formed a choir on the stage and opened the evening's programme with vocal music. A blessing having been invoked by the Rev. Dr. McLaren, (the father of Episcopal Bishop McLaren), Mr. Francis Murphy stepped forward, and after a few brief introductory remarks, introduced Colonel Raelf, of the *Commercial*, to the audience. Mr. Raelf advanced from among the group seated on the stage, and delivered an eloquent address, in which the importance of the present temperance movement and the duties of citizens toward it were forcibly pointed out to the gathered multitude. The Colonel stated that he had no personal experience to relate, but that heart and soul he was engaged in the good work, and trusted that from a sense of duty to themselves, to the city in which they live, and to their God, every one else whould be.

The next speaker was Mr. Dalquer, who addressed his audience in somewhat smashed English, the German being his native tongue. His remarks were received with much good humor and applause. Dr. McClarren, the druggist, next spoke. The doctor recognized the importance of the movement, and was heartily given to it. He advanced some practical suggestions, and everybody evidently felt better for having heard his voice. Capt. Robert Pollock followed Dr. McClarren. Capt. Pollock stated that he had now been a member of the brigade for twenty days and felt that a new existence had dawned upon him. Life appeared sweeter and better than it ever had before, and he was anxious that every one should, for their own sake and the sake of every one connected with them, renounce now and forever the use of liquor, for he could personally testify what a grand and glorious thing it was to be free from its thraldom.

At the suggestion of the captain, the roll of honor—on which is inscribed the names of all who have joined the Brigade in this city—was brought forward and unrolled.

The roll reached nearly three times across the stage, and when it is considered that it consists of sheets of foolscap pasted together with the names of the recruits close together upon it, its magnitude will be better appreciated. The brigde is now 3,500 strong, and all enlisted in the past three weeks. Another important fact is that a great majority of the names upon it belong to men who have been "drinkers," and quite a good number of them "heavy" ones.

Mr. Frank Burns being introduced, entertained the audience with some plain, truthful and telling experience, that was evidently deeply interesting to those who heard it. G. T. Paisley, Esq., followed Mr. Burns, and was received with enthusiasm. He stated that but three short weeks ago he little expected to be on hand at such a meeting, but that the temperance movement had wrought a wonderful change in his life, and a glorious one. He spoke forcibly and to the point, and advised everybody to "provide themselves with one of Frank Murphy's life boat."

Mr. Joseph R. Hunter read an article on temperance, that heartily advocated the good cause and expressed his satisfaction at being enlisted in it. He was followed by Dr. E. A. Mundorff, a young gentleman well known in the city. Dr. Mundorff made a quiet appeal in an eloquent and touching manner, that the audience evidently thoroughly appreciated. At its conclusion Mr. Dunbar, a young gentleman who has given his assistance on the organ at nearly all of Mr. Murphy's recent prayer meetings and temperance gatherings made some telling remarks, and importuned his hearers to seize the golden moment, and take the pledge. Mr. Early succeeded with a testimony of the benefits he had derived from a three weeks acquaintance with the pledge, and an exhortation that all would likewise grasp it. At the conclusion of Mr. Early's remarks Captain Barbour came forward, and in his own forcible way told the people of his happiness and the happiness he knew to be in store for all who would desert Colonel Rye Tanglefoots' Troops and join the Brigade. He spoke earnestly, and his hearers earnestly listened.

Upon Captain Barbour retiring from the front Mr. W. C. Moreland, the President of the Young Men's Temperance Association, was persuaded by Mr. Murphy to address the audience, and one of the most beautiful and practical of addresses upon temperance matters was the result. Mr. Moreland evidently spoke from his heart, and the vast assemblage listened with theirs. He pointed out the duty of the citizens in this matter clearly and forcibly. Conjured them to aid the temperance cause for their own good and safety no matter how secure their own position might appear. Importuned every one to extend the hand of fellowship and sympathy and help to the men who had done credit to themselves and honor to God, in nobly coming forward to the trial of confessing to deeds of shame, and promising themselves and the world that henceforth their lives as citizens and the image of their Maker entrusted in their keeping should be free from the pollution of drink. There was an intensity of truth in what Mr. Moreland said that had a telling effect upon those before him.

The last speaker was Mr. Francis Murphy, the temperance apostle himself He briefly alluded to the severe and humble experience of his early life. He made no claims to erudition, but claimed a heart that bled for his fellow man in adversity, and a voice that should never stop nor tremble while working in behalf of the unfortunate, even though it were not clothed in the beauties of studied oratory. He spoke with a force and vigor peculiarly his own, and was listened to with marked attention.

When he had finished a call was made for all who had not signed to come up and affix their signatures to the pledge, and a large number came forward. When the GAZETTE man left they were still signing, and there is but little doubt that the Young Men's Temperance Brigade of Pittsburgh received a valuable reinforcement last night.

Far and wide the grocers and shop keepers send for their orders by the thousands for B. T. BABBITT's Best Soap. They do this to prevent a riot, for the public peace would not long be kept intact in a village which was deprived of this indispensable article.

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Real Diamonds Surpassed.

Ladies should see those elegant eardrops. Nothing finer. Cannot be distinguished from real diamonds. For sale at Emanuel DeRoy's only loan office, in the GAZETTE building, 153 Smithfield street, 153. No branch stores. 153.

THE COURT RECORD.

Proceedings in the Several Courts Saturday.

U. S. Circuit Court.

JUDGE M'KENNAN

W. C. McCarthy, (Mayor), vs. Conrad Morgan, N. Snyder & Co., Chris. Freund, and Archy Taylor. Suit to recover for infringement of complainant's patent vault cleaner. Court allowed a final decree sustaining complainant's patent, and allowing a writ of injunction to be issued restraining respondents from further infringement.

Owners of steamboat Bengal Tiger vs. Wm. Householder; appeal from U. S. District Court, in admiralty, Argued and decision reversed. This is a suit to recover damages from a collision.

Wm. Miller, bankrupt. Bill in equity allowing review of proceeding in the U. S. District Court. Argued and decision reserved.

Final hearings were had in the cases of Torpedo Roberts vs. Wm. Gordon, Jesse Gordon, George S. McGill, Frank Tack, August Tack, Stanley Moorhead and Geo. Session. A final decree sustaining Roberts' patent was awarded in each case, and a restraining order issued. Commissioner Gamble was appointed to assess damages and take testimony.

Common Pleas No. 1.

JUDGES STERRETT AND COLLIER.

James Hutchinson vs. Elizabeth Hutchinson; libel in divorce. Subpœna awarded.

Wm. Henzy was appointed minority inspector of the third precinct of the Fifth ward, in place of W. J. Kennedy, who is ineligible from the fact that he is a member of the fire department.

Voluntary assignment of Harrison & Bro. to A. B. Rutledge. Inventory and appraisement filed and assignee directed to give bond in the sum of $26,200.

Petition of Fiddell Weiss for certificate of election as school director of the Twenty-third ward. Rule granted on respondent to show cause on or before the 29th inst.

Voluntary assignment of John H. McMasters to Thos. S. Stewart. C. B. Seely and T. Stewart were appointed appraisers.

In the matter of the petition of United States District Attorney McCormick, exceptions of Wm. M. Darlington and wife were filed and placed on the argument list.

F. H. Duff vs. J. C. Couch. Master's report presented and defendant ordered to pay plaintiff $74 44, with costs.

Thos. D. Carnahan was appointed a commissioner to enquire into the alleged lunacy of Olivia Diller, on petition of Clarinda Diller.

This court will not convene again until Saturday, and jury trials will not be resumed until the second Monday in January.

Common Pleas No. 2.

JUDGES EWING AND WHITE.

In the voluntary assignment of John Eurich, J. F. Schroeder and James Digby were appointed appraisers.

George B. Leech vs. William H. Corless. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why the attachment in this case should not be dissolved.

On the voluntary assignment of Henry J. Ulrich, Daniel Wenke and Benj. Lawrence were appointed appraisers.

Louis Cella vs. James P. Quinn, previously reported, verdict for defendant.

In the case of Wm. Evans and wife vs. Dolly Fellmeth et al., the jury found for defendants.

The argument list will be taken up in this court on Wednesday, and jury trials will be resumed the second day of January.

Orphans' Court.

JUDGE HAWKINS.

Estate of John P. Moore and Alex. P. Moore. Guardian directed to join in a mortgage.

John L. Miller, deceased. Sale of real estate confirmed absolutely.

C. Hartung, deceased. Widow's appraisement presented and approved *nisi*.

Edward Dithridge, deceased. Exceptions filed to account *nunc pro tunc*.

Stella McGinley and Annie McGinley, minors. William Griffin appointed guardian.

Thos. W. Briggs, deceased. Rule on administrator and commissioner to show cause why the sale of real estate to Jacob Roeser should not be set aside. Rule absolute.

Wm. W. Lyon, minor. Samuel McCleary discharged from his trust as guardian.

Mary O. Morrow and C. W. Morrow, minors. R. D. Morrow appointed guardian.

Estate of James M. Cooper, deceased. Argued by Messrs. Shiras and Hamilton for exceptants, and M. W. Acheson, contra.

Decrees of distribution were made in the estates of Benjamin Trimble, Dorothea Chess, Philip Bigley, Samuel Bell, Walter Wadsworth and John Sperr.

AUDIT LIST FOR TO-MORROW.

Accounts in estates of John J. Vetter, John B. Davis, John Koehrer, Isaiah Dickey, Hugh Kennedy, Ann Aiken, Philip Melvin, Jacob Forst, John O'Donnell and Elizabeth Lepper.

Criminal Court.

JUDGE STOWE.

William Durning and Alex. Killen, convicted of burglary, on oath of David M. Martin, were sentenced two years and six months each to the Workhouse.

Joseph Saville having pleaded *nolo contendere* to the charge of receiving stolen goods, was given one year and three months to the Penitentiary.

C. Ford, convicted of an attempt to commit a felony, was sentenced to the Workhouse for nine months.

Henry Reimensnyder, having pleaded *nolo contendere* to a charge of larceny, was sent to the Reform School.

Charles Wilson, who pleaded *nolo contendere* to a charge of entering a building with intent to commit a felony, was sentenced one year and nine months to the Workhouse. J. S. Anderson was the prosecutor.

Court Brevities.

SETH WILMOT and Orlanda Bell were Saturday paid, by the County Commissioners, the reward of $250 offered for the arrest and conviction of Breen, the murderer of Peter Hughes.

JAMES KENT, SANTEE & Co., of New York, creditors, filed a petition in bankruptcy against Simon Lynn, of Altoona, in the U. S. District Court Saturday; usual order issued. An order was also made restraining certain execution creditors.

OFFICER GOTLIEB MILLER, of Allegheny City, who was held in his own recognizance by Judge Stowe to appear on Saturday and purge himself of contempt for his failure to appear on time as a witness in the Lenkner homicide case, was directed to make answer in writing the first Saturday of next month.

CHARLES alias "Sailor" Burke, who entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to a charge of felonious assault and battery for shooting Thos. H. Hunter, was on Saturday sentenced to the Penitentiary for six years and nine months. As he was leaving the court room he muttered in a tone that was distinctly audible all over the room: "Three or four men plug a man in the mouth for asking a simple question, and then come into court and put him away for six or seven years."

IN the suit of the American Cotton Tie Company vs. Wm. Clark & Co., for the infringement of the Cook, Plant, Brodie, McCombs and Morris patents for improvements in cotton bale ties, on motion of Messrs. Duncan & Bakewell, counsel for the complainant on December 16th, 1876, in the United States Circuit Court, an injunction was granted against the defendants for making and selling the Scott tie. On the same day the American Cotton Tie Company filed a bill in equity against J. S. and J. R. Kennedy, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., for the infringement of one of their patents by the manufacture of the Kennedy tie. The defendants were served with process the same day.

Pennsylvania Female College.

The next term will open January 3rd. Grammar School department same date. For information apply to the President,

THOMAS C. STRONG.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

Silks, Shawls, Cloaks and Dress Goods

Having concluded to increase our business facilities by making extensive alterations and additions to our premises, it will be necessary to reduce our present large stock to its lowest compass.

In order to accomplish this, we have determined from this date to sell out at enormous reductions in prices our immense collection of fine Silks, Cloaks, Shawls, Dress Goods and general Dry Goods.

This, we assure our customers and the general public, is a splendid opportunity to secure fine goods at bargain prices, as silks and every description of fine goods will assuredly be much higher when the spring trade opens.

HUGUS & HACKE,
Market street and Fifth avenue.

Public Opinion

has long ago decided that the firm of Geo. W. Stevenson & Bro. have the largest and finest assortment of Fire Irons, Coal Vases, Fancy Coal-Hods, Toilet Ware, Granite Iron Ware, &c., which they are selling at exceedingly low prices, at 131 Federal street.

The Grand Central Hotel, New York, was the first leading hotel to reduce and schedule its rates according to the location of its rooms. It now charges $2.50 and $3.00 per day.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS! BRIDAL GIFTS!!

Birthday Presents!!!

Recollect that in making your selections for the Holidays that Emanuel DeRoy, in the GAZETTE Building, displays the finest assortment of Jewelry in the two cities. Ladies' Solid Gold Unredeemed Watches at $15, $16, $17 and $18. Emanuel DeRoy's only Loan Office, 153 Smithfield street, 153. GAZETTE Building. 153. No branch stores.

The Greatest rush that was ever witnessed has been at George W. Backofen's, No. 161 Smithfield street, where Santa Claus in all his glory is to be seen.

Prices Reduced.

Ladies' shawls at a great bargain. Basket cloth, colored cashmeres, brocades and all dress goods at reduced prices at H. J. Lynch's, No. 96 Market street.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The Nation Trust Matter Before the Solons—Another Extension Granted the Stockholders—January 8th the Last Day of Grace—Other Business.

In consequence of to-day being Christmas, the regular meeting of Common Council was held on Saturday. After the calling of the roll, and the passage of a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, the following was presented by Mr. THOMSON:

To the Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—The time fixed by a previous resolution of Councils for the payment to the city of $165,000 having elapsed without such payment being made, it seems proper to state that the failure to pay over the money was unavoidable. The delay chiefly arose through a difference of opinion between the counsel of the debtor and the City Attorney as to the terms and conditions of postponing certain mortgages. That difference of opinion has been removed, and the accompanying resolutions are, I believe, substantially such as meet the approval of the City Attorney, who is, unfortunately, absent. The passage of the resolutions will, I have every reason to believe, result in the immediate payment to the city of a greater part of its claim, and the final payment of the balance in a very short time.

Respectfully yours,
GEO. SHIRAS, JR.

December 23, 1876.

The accompanying resolutions were as follows:

Resolved, That the City Attorney be and is hereby instructed and empowered to consent to the entry of such a decree or order in the District Court of the United States, as shall declare the proceedings in bankruptcy in the case of the Nation Trust Company fully ended and terminated.

Resolved, That James Veech and William B. Negley, trustees, are hereby requested to release or satisfy such securities in their hands, as may on or before the 8th day of January, 1877, be fully paid.

Resolved, That the same trustees are hereby requested and empowered to postpone the lien of mortgages in their hands, in cases where other mortgages have been negotiated for the benefit of the creditors of the Nation Trust Company, so as to permit the latter mortgages to become first liens. Provided, however, that the moneys thus accruing shall be at once distributed by the trustees among the creditors entitled to receive the same; and provided also, that unless the dividend received by the city from that or other sources, shall on or before the 8th day of January, 1877, amount to at least $165,000, the trustees shall at once proceed to enforce payment of the securities in their hands by legal process.

And provided further, That the securities heretofore examined by a committee of the Finance Committee, and amounting to $350,000, shall not be released or postponed by the trustees under the foregoing resolutions, unless on their receipt of such sums of money in the case of each security as shall be deemed adequate by the city attorney, and upon condition that such moneys shall be forthwith, when and as received, paid over to the creditors.

Resolved, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as releasing or in anywise affecting the city's right to the entire sum of $240,000, heretofore agreed to be taken as her claim against the Nation Trust Company. Not to waive or in any manner to affect the right of the city to rescind all resolutions of compromise at any time after the 8th of January, 1877.

Mr. THOMSON moved the adoption of the resolutions.

Mr. NEEB thought it ridiculous to fix another date for the payment, as Councils had already fixed several dates.

Mr. REYNOLDS moved that the resolutions be indefinitely postponed. He was afraid there was too much trickery in them

Mr. FOLEY was in favor of indefinite postponement. He was satified the city wouldn't refuse the $165,000 any time it was offered, but this thing of fixing dates was of no avail.

Mr. HUGHES said that the Trust Company didn't ask for much time longer, and it would be the best policy to wait, for if the payment was not made on the 8th of January the whole compromise would fall through. Everybody knows money is tight, and Councils should appreciate this. He believed the stockholders were doing the best they can.

Mr. NEEB believed so, too, and for that reason he thought no date for payment should be fixed.

President Negley, who is one of the Trustees of the company, stated that the stockholders have paid off, as they allege, about $400,000 of these claims themselves. They claim that they have paid all claims except that of the City of Pittsburgh and about $100,000 besides. Mr Schoyer had told him yesterday that he had in his possession certified checks to the amount of $105,000, and that Mr. Shiras also had some, but they had pledged that mortgages already given to those from whom they had borrowed the money—among others to the Dollar Savings Bank—should be first liens, and they wished to keep their word.

Mr. NESBIT thought Councils had been entirely too lenient to the stockholders, and was opposed to another extension. He thought it a matter to be considered that the city has creditors to pay, and has, therefore, no right to be too lenient.

Mr. NEEB said that the Pittsburgh Councils acted like a lot of school boys. Controller Warner, who is known to be a determined man, said at the start-out that he would compromise for the county at seventy-two per cent. He put his foot down there and the county got what was asked.

Mr. THOMPSON said that the resolutions above were much better for the city than the one passed in November.

President NEGLEY was inclined to believe the same.

Mr. NEEB offered the following as a substitute to Mr. Thompson's resolutions:

WHEREAS, There is some doubt as to the power of the City Attorney accepting $165,000, which should have been paid by the Nation Trust Company on account of its indebtedness, on or before the 15th of December, 1876, according to the instructions given by the Councils of Pittsburgh; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to accept that amount at the *earliest possible* moment, not later than January 8, 1877, in accordance with the last compromises being entered into with the Nation Trust Company.

Mr. NESBIT wanted to know if the city desired to proceed in the collection of the mortgages, if it couldn't do it.

President NEGLEY said it could, if Councils so ordered.

The vote on Mr. REYNOLD'S motion to postpone consideration on the resolutions proposed by Mr. SHIRAS was then taken, and the motion lost.

The question recurring on Mr. NEEB's substitute, it was also lost.

The resolutions by Mr. SHIRAS were then voted upon, and consigned to oblivion.

Mr. THOMSON then offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the time fixed in the resolution of Councils authorizing the City Attorney to receive $165,000 from the Nation Trust Company on account and for other purposes be extended until January 8, 1877, and that the City Attorney be authorized to postpone the lien of the mortgages which he was in said resolution authorized to release.

Mr. FOX offered a resolution that Council attend the funeral of Mr. S. Deitrich. Adopted.

He also offered a resolution for a vote of thanks to President Negley, which was also adopted.

The following, offered by Mr. DICKSON, was referred to the Ordinance Committee:

Resolved, That the passenger railways within the city are hereby requested to discontinue the use of salt for the removal of snow or ice from their tracks in the city of Pittsburgh, for the reason that its use for said purpose is injurious to the health of the citizens, as well as to their vehicles and horses.

Mr. NEEB called up the resolution adopted in Select Council for the establishment of the State of West Pennsylvania, provided Philadelphia persists in removing the Capital to Philadelphia. The action of Select was concurred in.

Adjourned until next Friday.

GRIER'S WANDERINGS.

Where He Has Been During the Three Years—No Light on the Dark Places.

The question of where Robert J. Grier was during his three years' absence may be considered definitely settled by the following story of his wanderings given to Mr. Schoyer, and sworn in Toronto last July:

"I left here on November 15, 1873, and went directly to St. Johns, New Brunswick. I remained there until the 2d of April, 1874. I was then engaged in the wood business under the name of S. C. Wilson. On the 2nd of April I went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, but left there April 4 on the steamer commanded by Captain Shaw, for St. Thomas, and from thence proceeded on the English steamer Tasmannic to Aspinwall; thence across the isthmus to Panama, and from there to Callao, Peru, where I assumed my own name. I left Pittsburgh with $850, and reached Callao with 20 cents; at Callao I was unsuccessful in getting employment, and went to Chimbote, where I succeeded in getting employment on the Chimbote & Hauraz Railroad as book-keeper for Parson & Brannon, the contractors' storekeepers, which position I held for six months. I then went into partnership with Robert J. Manning, in the grocery and liquor business, at Pampa Preta, and remained there until October, 1875. At that time I received a letter from home, informing me that it was the desire of the Nation Trust Company that I should come home to explain the affairs of that company. To enable me to do this I received a draft for £88 10s. from L. M. Morris to pay my way back, but had to wait at Panama until the draft was sent to London to be cashed. When I received a dispatch to that effect I left Panama for New York, and from there I went to Toronto, where I met Messrs. Schoyer and Morris and my brother, Samuel C. Grier, to whom I give this statement, together with the particulars of matters pertaining to the Trust company, which, at the instance of the attorneys of the Nation Trust company, are withheld for the present."

This much Grier had no objection to making public, but he positively refused to give any information in reference to the transactions of the Nation Trust Company. This information will only be made public in a legal way. The proceedings that will bring it out are not yet decided upon, but will be known in a few days.

The Status of Real Estate.

A few days ago we incidentally engaged in conversation with Messrs. James W. Drape & Co., the enterprising Real Estate Auctioneers of 182 Federal street, Allegheny City, from whom we learned that real estate is looming up as a desirable investment, and that the figures paid for eligible property are far in advance of what the same would have sold for a short time ago, and that the next few months will witness an activity in this line not known since the beginning of the panic. This firm have on hands and for sale some first-class properties in different parts of the cities, and are daily making very profitable sales. Parties who have real estate for sale can entrust it to no better hands than that of Messrs. Drape & Co., as they always insure the largest returns and are prompt and satisfactory in all their dealings.

Fine Jewelry.

Messrs. J. R. Reed & Co., No. 93 Market street, have their elegant establishment well filled with a large stock of Christmas goods, embracing fine Bronzes, American and imported; French Mantel Clocks, Flower Stands and Vases, Card Baskets and Stands, &c. Messrs. Reed & Co. have also a very large stock fine Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry. These goods are all fresh and new for the Holiday Season, and should be inspected by those looking for handsome presentation gifts.

The New Weed Sewing Machine

will make a most acceptable holiday present, and we are offering special inducements to purchasers until January 1st. We can guarantee a most satisfactory machine; *and in prices can suit our purchasers*. Every machine is fully supplied with attachments and conveniences, and is *complete* in all senses of the word. Give us a call and secure a bargain.

F. C. BIGGERT,
8 Sixth street.

Go to Backofen's Store, No. 161 Smithfield street, and see the queerest supply of toys and fancy articles that was ever offered to the public at greatly reduced prices.

Go to Headquarters

for your cheap Cook and Heating Stoves. A good No. 7 Cook Stove for $8; a good Heating Stove for $4, at 131 Federal street.

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

····Merry Christmas.

····The sleighbells jingle everywhere.

····Frozen oysters are among the cooling delicacies.

····Don't pity the poor with a death grip on your pocketbook.

····The ice man smileth and the coal man laugheth aloud.

····A white Christmas is a pleasant augury for next year.

····There is work for the shovel brigade on some of our pavements.

····This is first class *fall* weather, as everybody knows who ventures out on the sidewalks.

····This morning many an empty stocking will be filled—mostly with a naked foot, however.

····Coal dealers are not always disagreeable persons, but they have a most unsatisfactory weigh about them.

····To-day the sagacious turkey, having been bull-dozed and cremated, will take his seat in the Department of the Interior.

····"Brace up and have some style about you," said a newsboy to the gentleman who suddenly sat down on the sidewalk yesterday.

····The gas in the cupola of City Hall has been *non est* for a week or more. It might be as well to thaw out the pipes before spring does it.

····There is a suggestion to get Oregon Cronin to come to Pittsburgh and give his "experience" at Murphy's, and bring his nose with him.

····The prospective Christmas treats to be given by the various Sunday Schools to-night awaken bright anticipations in the juvenile mind.

····A Christmas dinner will be given in the lecture room of the Fifth avenue Methodist church to-day to the deserters from Colonel Rye Tanglefoot's troops.

····Pickpockets are active during the holiday season. Several persons reported losses last Saturday while plethoric pocketbooks were searching Christmas presents.

····The fair maiden dreameth of the "tintinabulation of the bells" and imagineth herself seated beside her "lovyer" in a sleigh snuggly wrapped up in warm robes.

····On Saturday afternoon John Monahan, a workman at the locomotive works in Allegheny, was injured internally by a piece of iron striking him and knocking him down.

····On Saturday evening about seven o'clock a seal skin cap and an overcoat, belonging to a Mr. Holland, were stolen from a house on Pennsylvania avenue, near Manhattan street, Allegheny.

····Charles Campbell, a messenger connected with the city Postoffice, had his buck-wagon taken from a shed on Ark alley, Allegheny; and the "buck" that took it has neglected to bring it back.

····Messrs. Jones & Laughlin, of the American Iron Works, are hauling metal from the Eliza furnace at Laughlin's station, Second avenue, to their works on the opposite side of the river on sleds.

····Mr. Nathaniel Ingram, and aged gentleman, residing at Ingram station, was thrown from his buggy by a runaway horse and severely injured, near Singer's mill, on the South Side, Saturday afternoon.

····The net cash receipts of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the year 1876, estimating the month of December, are at least one and a quarter million of dollars in excess of the net cash receipts of 1875.

····Clara Louisa Kellogg is reported as weighing two hundred and twenty pounds. Pooh! There's a lady up on Grant street who weighs three hundred, and she has never made her living on the high C's, either.

····Those dear children who makes the ice-slides on the sidewalks of streets leading up the hill to Grant, are mentally consigned by many to a country where ice-slides are not prominent as a feature of the scenery.

····No matter how plausible life may appear, no person can sit down on a slushy coal-hole cover these days without recognizing the fact that life has its stern realities.

····There will be no regular Monday meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce until Monday, January 8, on account of Christmas and New Year's day falling on the intervening Mondays.

····A freight train jumped the track at Monterey, on the Allegheny Valley railroad, Thursday morning, causing the Emlenton accommodation to arrive in Pittsburgh at 5 P. M. instead of 11:45 A. M., its schedule time.

····The First Methodist church, Fifth avenue, will be open all day, as a recruiting station for Francis Murphy's Temperance Brigade. Good singing, "testimony," and speech making in general will be the order of the day.

····On Saturday a lady residing on Arch street, below Ohio street, Allegheny, cooked a whole ham very nicely, and then placed it in the back yard to cool off. While it was there some unknown friend came in and carried it off.

····The Coroner held an inquest Saturday evening on the body of Nicholas Goodman, who died suddenly at his residence, corner of Magee and Ann street, Friday evening. The jury returned a verdict of death from apoplexy.

····An ungrateful tramp, who had failed to secure a piece of mince pie in twenty-five individual "hand-outs" on Saturday, remarked to a companion on Liberty street that "the civilization of the nineteenth century could not be viewed as a success."

····The Youngstown *Register* reports seeing twenty-six balls of light jump out of a thicket last Friday night and move off in Indian file toward the East, with the largest ball in the lead. The *Register* man had better come to Pittsburgh and see Murphy.

····Dick Fulton a few days ago completed a cremation furnace in which he has been burning rats for some time. He wanted a dog to experiment on, and Assistant Chief Engineer Evans, of the Fire Department, gave him the two smothered to death in the White House.

····It is stated that Lance and McMillan, the counterfeit dealers, brought to this city last week by Deputy United States Marshal Harris, of Johnstown, "peached" on their pals, and revealed their hiding place, where they say the money was made. No further arrests have been made as yet.

····Last evening a gentleman was knocked down and run over by a carriage as he was getting off a street car at the corner of Beaver avenue and Juniata street, Allegheny. He was removed to his home near by and medical aid summoned. His injuries were of a rather serious character.

····The cigar store of J. Locke, No. 103 Carson street, South Side, was entered by burglars Friday night and $65 worth of cigars and tobacco carried off. An entrance was effected by cutting out a pane of glass in the rear of the store and unfastening a bolt on the inside of the door. There is no clue.

····Mr. Martins, the checkerist, departs for Buffalo to-morrow. During his stay here he has played eighty-seven public games; won fifty-three, drawn thirty-two, and lost two. Mr. Reed, a carrier on the GAZETTE, is the only player who won a game, he having defeated Mr. Martins in the two mentioned as lost.

····The "heavy defalcation" rumored to have taken place on the North Side amounts to a clerk in the Allegheny Savings Bank allowing a friend to overdraw his account. The "overdrawing" friend made good his bank account, and the absent clerk will probably shortly return and resume his position in the bank.

····A man rushed into the reporter's department last night with the startling intelligence that an incoming passenger train had run off the track at Altoona. Upon inquiry he developed the fact that the train had run off of the switch upon the main track. A dry codfish poultice was applied to the back of his neck and the man is now better.

····The New York *Daily Advertiser* publishes the following: Robert Campbell, a stone mason, from Dundee, Scotland, who came to this country in June, 1872, can learn of his brother's death, and important news that would benefit him, by addressing his sister, Mary Cameron, Mt. Washington Post Office, Allegheny county, Pa. He is supposed to be in this vicinity.

····The alarm of fire in Allegheny at 9 o'clock last evening from box 23, was caused by a slight fire in the residence of Mr. Isaac Taylor, at the corner of North avenue and Resacca street. The damage will not exceed $25. The fire was caused by Mrs. Taylor, who placed a candle near a piece of paper, which was lying on a bed and the paper became ignited and set fire to the bed.

····A reunion of the scholars of the High school from the Twenty-sixth ward, took place at the Twenty-sixth ward school building Friday evening, at which there was a large attendance of the citizens of the ward. The exercises consisted of orations, declamations, discussions, &c., and Mr. J. C. Baird, of the South Side *Herald*, by request, delivered an address on "Education." The entertainment was very enjoyable.

····The Orphan Asylum on Tannehill street has made an addition of twenty-five iron bedsteads for the comfort of the little folks who find a pleasant home in this praiseworthy institution. Also a Marshall Bros. Domestic elevator (a gem of convenience in every large house) running from the bakery in the cellar to the top of the building. We hope the more wealthy of our citizens will not forget those noble institutions which do credit to our city.

····Fire Marshal Livingston states that the total insurance held by Mr. Sproul on stock and fixtures in the "White House" saloon, was $6,600, which he thinks will fully cover the loss. Mr. Sawyer's insurance on the building is $6,000, which is more than sufficient to repair the damages it sustained. It is however claimed by some that Mr. Sproul expended $12,000 in fitting up the saloon, and that the most expensive part of the fixtures, the 12 French plate mirrors were destroyed.

····Constable Murphy and Clerk Hastings of the Diamond Market, Allegheny, have for the past month been fattening two fine turkeys for the "Merrie Christmas tide," When, alas for the uncertainty of human events, the Assyrians came down like a wolf on the fold, in a loft over the market office, on Saturday morning, and Constable Murphy and Clerk Hastings on Saturday were

Mourning for the gobblers they intended to gobble,
Which now have been gobbled by some other gobbler
gobbling gobblers.

····Some malicious person or persons entered the Wilkinsburg Presbyterian church on Thursday night, and without any apparent purpose broke things generally, scattering the library and singing books about the floor, destroying the maps and mottoes, breaking the clock and generally playing smash with all the movables. There had been a fair in the lecture room on that evening. The trustees of the church offer a reward of $50 for the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrators of the outrage.

····A white owl, one of the largest and finest of its species we have ever seen, was shot by Mr. Edward Bourne while out hunting near Leetsdale. The bird is evidently a native of a more northern climate than this, as its plumage is snow white, except the back, which is covered with brilliant black specks, and it has probably been driven south by the recent severe snow storms. It measures five feet from tip to tip. After passing through the hands of the taxidermist, it has been placed on exhibition in the window of James Bown & Son's store, Wood street, this city.

PERSONAL.

***Mr. J. C. Patterson, President of Allegheny Select Council, is confined to his house by a severe illness.

***Mr. Charles W. Houston, the genial and efficient messenger clerk of Councils, was presented on Saturday by a number of his friends with a very handsome set of gold sleeve buttons. The presentation speech was made by Mr. John A. Fox, in fitting terms. Charlie, as a matter of course, was overcome by surprise, but managed to respond in an appropriate manner.

THE RECENT HOMICIDE.

The Coroner's Investigation—Excitement the Cause of Death—The Verdict—Sutherland Discharged

The Coroner held an inquest on the body of Franz Zeigler, who was killed on Friday afternoon, at Milholland's machine shop, on Old avenue, this city, by a blow from a piece of brick thrown by Alden Sutherland, an account of which appeared in the GAZETTE of Saturday.

The first witness examined was Mr. John Milholland, one of the proprietors of the shop. He testified that Sutherland and Ziegler differed as to the ownership of a cold-chisel. They agreed to leave it to the foreman, who decided that it belonged to the boy. Then the two returned to their benches and went to work. Soon after, the foreman went down stairs, and Ziegler went to the boy's desk and took hold of the chisel. A scuffle ensued, and Ziegler pushed the boy over a casting. He must have fallen on this piece of brick (brick produced), and he picked it up and threw it, striking the deceased. The boy came down stairs to the witness and said, "For God's sake, go up stairs; Frank took my chisel from me and I struck him, and I don't think he will get over it." Witness went up stairs, but the deceased had then expired.

James Gracey, the foreman of the shop, and Anthony P. Snyder, Frank Coldren and Harry McGiffin, employes of Mr. Milholland, who were at work in the shop at the time of the occurrence, all corroborated the statement of Mr. Milholland.

Jas. H. Snodgrass, M. D., testified that he made a *post mortem* examination of the deceased Friday night about midnight. Examined the chest and stomach. All his organs were healthy but the right lung. There were evidences of inflammation in this organ. There were no evidences of disease in any other organ than the right lung. The witness could not say as to the cause of death. There were no external marks upon the body. A blow hard enough to cause death might be given, and yet leave no visible mark. If he was struck over the heart with that piece of brick that could possibly have killed him. The excitement might have killed him.

The jury, after considerable deliberation, agreed upon the following verdict.

"Franz Ziegler, of the Twenty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, came to his death on the afternoon of December 22, 1876, at the machine shop of J. & J. B. Milholland, on Fifth avenue, in the Sixth ward, Pittsburgh, where the deceased and a young man by the name of Alden Sutherland had an altercation, and the said Ziegler threw or pushed said Sutherland over a casting, and he, Sutherland, jumped up and struck said Ziegler with a piece of a brick. Dr. J. H. Snodgrass, after making a *post mortem* examination, does say that in his opinion the said Ziegler died from extreme excitement, as he could not find any visible injuries, either external or internal; and we the jury are of the same opinion."

Sutherland, who was in the lock-up, was released as soon as the Mayor was informed of the verdict, as there was no charge against him.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

WM. BRACKEN, for assault on Patrick Carr, on Penn avenue, with inent to rob, was, by Mayor McCarthy, committed for trial last Saturday.

TEDDY FLINN, an alleged suspicious character, got six months to the Workhouse on Saturday. He had entered a house on Third avenue, no doubt for purposes of robbery, and was detected in the act.

Grand Headquarters for Holiday Goods at No. 161 Smithfield street, George W. Backofen.

A Busy Day.

Hard times or not, we never saw so many Pianos and Organs go out of any one house in all our lives, as were shipped from Hamilton's Music House on last Saturday. All day Friday they were busy as nailers shipping to out of town purchasers, while from 6 o'clock Saturday morning until 11 o'clock at night, their team was going constantly, and most surprising of all their wagon scarcely ever left the store with less than *two* and *three* instruments at a load. Mr. Hamilton reports that in the last eight years he has never sold so many Pianos and Organs for Christmas presents as this year, and what is most significant is the fact that fully 75 per cent. of his sales were fine goods, being principally Decker Pianos and Estey Organs, showing very clearly that only the wealthy and better classes of the community are in condition to buy such expensive and fine goods this year as the Decker Piano and Estey Organs are known to be.

If you are going to trim your Christmas Tree go to Backofen, No. 161 Smithfield street, as his store is the headquarters for Toys and fancy articles.

Elegant Display.

OF
CHRISTMAS GOODS.
at
J. R. REED & Co.,
No. 93 MARKET STREET.

A Sensible Holiday Present.

For your mother, wife or sister nothing could be more suitable than a WEED SEWING MACHINE. With its recent improvements it is unquestionably at the head of the list, and cannot fail to give entire satisfaction to the purchaser. We solicit a call and careful examination, and in the *important matter of prices* can assure those contemplating a purchase, that we will *make prices to suit. Cash prices* will be found especially low. Give us a call and get a bargain.

F. C. BIGGERT,
8 Sixth street.

Go and Examine

The elegant stock of Fine Jewelry just received by J. R. REED & CO. for the Holidays, No. 93 MARKET STREET.

Elegant Parlor Suits.

A very excellent and cheap assortment the latest styles of furniture, at the lowes prices in the city at James Milliken & Co.'s 89 Smithfield street.

Winter Wear.

Beaver cloth, basket cloth, cashmeres, tweeds and jeans, very cheap. Red and gray twilled flannel, country barred flannels, and country blankets at lowest cash prices, at H. J. Lynch's, Nos. 94 and 96 Market street.

The Radiant Home Stove

can be seen at Geo. W. Stevenson & Bro.'s, 131 Federal street.

Your Best Venture

During the holiday week will be to order one of the inimitable suits manufactured by Messrs. Bleakley & Kunz, No. 70 Smithfield street. A full line of excellent material as well as a varied assortment of furnishing goods at low prices. Satisfaction assured. Work guaranteed.

Only $1.00

For a nice pair of cloth embroidered Slippers, at G. D. Simen's, 78 Ohio street, Allegheny. SM

PRESENTS! PRESENTS!! PRESENTS!!!

Christmas, 1876. New Year, 1877.

Notwithstanding the great demand, I still have a large lot and fine assortment of Ladies' Solid Gold Unredeemed Watches at $15, $16, $17 and $18, at Emanuel DeRoy's Only Loan office, 153 Smithfield street, in the GAZETTE building, 153. No branch stores, 153.

Christmas Presents.

All those whose who intend purchasing a fine Christmas present for any member of their family should call at J. R. Reed & Co., No. 93 Market street.

161 Smithfield Street

is a perfect bower of beauty, and among the children BACKOFEN's store has become a household word.

Straw, Leather and Paper Tree Ornaments.

Fancy Boxes, Toy Books, Candles and Candle-holders in great varieties, at low prices in the German Book Store of George W. Backofen, No. 161 Smithfield street, above Central Presbyterian Church.

Cheap Stoves! Cheap Stoves!

At Geo. W. Stevenson & Bro.'s, 131 Federal street. Also, a very large stock of Plain and Fancy Japanned Tinware, at very low prices.

SANTA CLAUS ON THE HILL.

A Pleasant Incident at the Sheriff's Office—Sheriff Fife and his Chief Clerk Kindly Remembered.

One of the many incidents which assist in rendering official life pleasant, and relieving it for a time of its numerous cares and responsibilities, occurred at the Sheriff's office, Saturday afternoon. The deputies in the office being determined to give their chief a present, in evidence of their appreciation of his uniform courtesy and many kindnesses extended to them, also resolved to add to the interest of the occasion by surprising the recipient of their favor. Consequently their intentions were kept secret from him, and when the arrangements were all complete, the Sheriff was induced to absent himself from the office for a few moments by one of the deputies, who accompanied him, and while he was gone the others arranged the present and a bountiful supply of edibles on the table prepared for the occasion, and invited in a number of attorneys and Court House officials. On the Sheriff's return he found his private office invaded by the invited guests and his deputies and the table spread as stated. As soon as he had recovered from the surprise W. C. Moreland, Esq., in one of his happiest efforts informed him of the cause of the assembly and presented him with an elegant tea set. The Sheriff was too much "scooped," in newspaper parlance, to respond, and called upon Gen. Pearson, and the General, in a manner characteristic of himself returned thanks to the doners.

The tea sets includes solid silver knives and forks, with ivory handles; solid silver tea and table spoons, ladles, &c. The set was in a handsome box bearing the following inscription, which tells the rest of the tale:

"To Sheriff R. H. Fife, from his Deputies, Christmas, 1876."

The assembled guests thinking the entertainment over were about to retire when one of the deputies called Mr. Hunter forward, and presented him with a pair of heavy gold sleeve buttons. Mr. H., who had been active in preparing the surprise for the Sheriff, had not the slightest intimation of this episode and was taken most completely by surprise. He managed, however, to thank his fellow clerks and deputies for the manifestation of their regards.

The recipient of these favors are both popular and efficient officers and the presents were appropriate and worthily bestowed. Sheriff Fife, during his incumbency of the office has proven himself a most competent and efficient officer, and has, by his gentlemanly and courteous manners, added many to his favor large list of friends.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Report of the Government Directors for the Year 1876.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—The Government directors of the Union Pacific railroad company, in their report for the year 1876, say: The frequency with which conflicts relative to the construction of the Pacific railroad legislation have arisen has brought the Government directors to consider whether or not some adjustment of the whole case can be mutually agreed upon by the Government and company, which shall put an end to all controversy between them and settle definitely the manner and time of the Government's reimbursements. They say it is not practicable for the company to pay the first mortgage bonds and the $64,262,512 which would be due to the Government at the end of the thirty year term. It would, therefore, seem to be wise for the Government and the company to agree upon the establishment of a sinking fund, which shall reduce the total indebtedness of the company to the Government at the end of the term to say $25,000,000. This can be done without deranging the company's affairs, and leave sufficient earnings to provide for reasonable dividends on the capital stock. It does not seem to be wise to reject this settlement in the case of property which returns an income on the capital which it represents, and is always better cared for than that which does not. If Congress should authorize the making of such an arrangement as is here suggested, it is believed that the company will concur, and the result will be that the Government will have all its interest refunded during a term of thirty years, and have the principal of the debt reduced $2,236,512. This would leave one road at maturity on the first and second mortgage. About fifty-two million as bridge bonds will have been either wholly paid or such balance of said bonds as may remain unpaid at the time, and the Sinking Fund bonds can be provided for by a mortgage on the lands, as the Land Grant bonds will have been paid off by sales of lands. To provide for the $52,000,000 of first mortgage bonds and the balance due the Government, let a new mortgage be authorized by Congress. Let $25,000,000 of the new first mortgage bonds be placed with the Government as collateral security, redeemed as fast as the company can sell them in the market at not less than par and accrued interest, but not any one year be less than ten per cent. of the amount, besides paying the coupon bond as it matures. There is no ground for reasonable doubt that a first mortgage long five per cent. bond to the amount $52,000,000 would be an abundant and safe and popular security. Now, when the practicability and the certainty of the scheme for securing a return to the Government of every dollar which it has invested in the Union Pacific Railroad, in connection with the great advantages and saving to the Postoffice and War Departments as following from indirect benefits resulting from the construction of the road, it may be safely said that no equal outlay of money has ever produced as profitable a return.

Forty Thousand Dollar Embezzlement.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Hugh McClellan, clerk for William H. Webb, shipbuilder, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling between $30,000 and $40,000.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

FLOWERS A SPECIALTY.

Also, Gold Fish, Canary Birds, Hartford Fern, Pampas Plumes, Ornamental Grasses, Ground Pine Wreathing, Immortelles, Bird Cages, Autumn Leaves, Canary and Mocking Bird Feed, Aquariums and Fish Globes, Fern Cases, Winter Blooming Plants, Sea Shells, &c., &c.

J. R. & A. MURDOCH, Florists,
112 Smithfield street.

Bouquets, Floral Baskets, Immortelles,

WM. & JAS. MURDOCH,

Pine Wreathing, Laurel Wreathing, Autumn Leaves

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,

Pressed Fern, Bird Cages, Fern Cases,

114 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fish Globes, Parlor Hanging Baskets.

Dr. W. F. FUNDENBERG,

DENTIST,

Office No. 31 SIXTH AVENUE, Opposite Trinity Church.

MARRIED.

EVANS—BEINECKE—Friday evening, December 19, 1876, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Ross, GEORGE W. EVANS and MINNIE BEINECKE.

SCHUSLER—HOFMEISTER—On Thursday, December 21, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. C. Bowman, of East Liberty, PETER SCHUSLER and HENRIETTA HOFMEISTER.

DIED:

BREWSTER—At the residence of her husband, 1011 Carson street, South Side, on Sabbath morning, at half-past four o'clock, MARGARET AGNES BREWSTER, aged 24 years, 11 months and 16 days.

Funeral TUESDAY MORNING at 9 o'clock, to proceed to Mifflin Church.

FORSYTH—December 24th 1876, at 9 o'clock P. M., Mrs. JANE FORSYTH, in the 93d year of her age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, 34 Stevenson street, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON at 2½ o'clock.

FRIEDEL—On Saturday morning, December 23d, HENRY FRIEDEL, in the 46th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, Josephine street, head of Seventeenth, South Side, THIS AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock.

GREEN—At her residence, 15 Shingiss street, ELIZA, wife of Joseph Green, aged 53 years.

The funeral will take place THIS AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock.

McLAUGHLIN—On Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, PATRICK McLAUGHLIN, in the 65th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, Second avenue, Soho, Fourteenth ward, THIS AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock.

MORROW—Saturday morning at 12 o'clock, Mrs. JAMES M. MORROW, the daughter of the late Thomas Thompson, aged 42 years.

Funeral THIS MORNING at 10 o'clock, from her late residence, 44th street, Pittsburgh.

McCORD—On Friday night, at 12 o'clock, ISAAC McCORD, SR., in the 63d year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 20 Fourteenth street, Ninth ward, THIS AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock.

LOUGHRIDGE—On Friday evening, December 22d, 1876, at 6:15, EFFIE ROSS, daughter of James and Margaret Loughridge, aged 4 years, 1 month and 9 days.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her parents, corner Bedford avenue and Logan street, on MONDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock.

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FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, December 23, 1876.

HOUSE.

The session lasted only twenty minutes, when an adjournment was ordered till Wednesday. Mr. Clymer was Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. MONROE resigned from the committee on the rights, privileges and duties of the House in regard to counting the electoral votes.

Mr. SPRINGER offered a resolution for the compilation and printing of proceedings and debates relating to counting the electoral vote since the establishment of the Government. Adopted.

A resolution was adopted calling for copies of orders as to the expenditure of the appropriation of last session for internal improvements.

Mr. REGAN, from the Committee on Commerce, offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the President to furnish the House with copies of all orders made by him or under his direction, and of orders and correspondence of the War Department relating to the limitation made by the President of appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and to specify how the two millions out of the five millions appropriated by the last Congress have been expended, and also to state under what law such limitation was made.

LATEST RIVER NEWS.

LOUISVILLE, December 24, 1876.

This morning it was snowing, and the prospects of a break-up in the river are gloomier than ever.

ST. LOUIS, December 24, 1876.

No change in the river Weather very cold and snow falling nearly all day.

CINCINNATI, December 24, 1876.

The river is unchanged; weather cold and snowing.

MEMPHIS, December 24, 1876.

The river is stationary. Maximum thermometer 33. About two inches of snow fell last night. No arrivals or departures.

EVANSVILLE, December 24, 1876.

Cloudy and snowing; mercury 24. The river is stationary. No arrivals or departures.

CAIRO, December 24, 1876.

The Ike Hammet made a trip to Hickman and return. The channel is very narrow through the ice where it was gorged above Columbus last week, but experienced no difficulty in getting through. The river is two feet and rising. Four inches of snow fell here to-day; cloudy; mercury 24.

Cheating Justice.

LOUISVILLE, December 24.—Yesterday a lieutenant of the city police patrol called at the United States Marine Hospital here with a warrant of arrest for Jos. Ford, a negro patient. Dr. T. J. Griffiths, surgeon in charge, told the officer that he had no right to arrest Ford by a civil process, holding that a Government hospital is no part of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, but a district exclusive within the jurisdiction of the United States Court. The lieutenant sought legal advice, and was informed that he did have the right to arrest the man. He returned to take charge of Ford, and meeting the surgeon, was told that the one sought for had been discharged and had left for parts unknown. The affair produces a decided sensation here, and especially among the legal fraternity.

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LOST—ON SATURDAY LAST, BETWEEN the car station on Sixth street and the Pittsburgh Opera House, a POCKET BOOK, containing some keepsakes that are of no value to any one but the owner. The finder will confer a favor by leaving it at THIS OFFICE.

BOARDING.

BOARDING—PERSONS WISHING TO obtain good Boarding, with or without rooms, at reasonable prices, will call at 17 Seventh avenue, above Smithfield street.

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WANTED.

WANTED. — AN EXPERIENCED Sewer wants family sewing; can give good references. Address or call at No. 33 Anderson street, Allegheny. m79

WANTED—GIRLS WISHING EMPLOYMENT should call at the EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, No. 1 Sixth street.

WANTED—EVERY PERSON TO know that the Employment Office, No. 1 Sixth street, is the best place in the city to secure help or servants.

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TO LET—IN LAWRENCEVILLE— Brick Dwelling of 9 rooms, lot 50x150 feet, situated on corner Butler and 45th streets. Rent moderate. Apply to G. S. BATES, No. 4510 Butler street, Pittsburgh. m78

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TO LET—IRON FRONT BUILDING, No. 55 Market street, suitable for bank, offices or warerooms. For a good tenant, owner would extend the building to the alley in the rear, making fine rooms, 28x175 feet, with good light at both ends. Enquire of N. HOLMES & SONS, next door, or of JOHN WAY, JR., Sewickley, Pa.

TO LET—NO. 155 LIBERTY STREET, suitable for warehouse, commission or grocery business, or for any business that wishes to command the custom from the Diamond Market, Fifth avenue, and the South Side. Enquire of S. LINDSAY, JR., & CO., next door, or to JOHN WAY, JR., Sewickley, Pa.

TO LET—GOOD 2 STORY BRICK Dwelling House, No. 50 Poplar street; will be rented low to a good tenant; also, No. 266 Sandusky street, containing 10 rooms; rent reasonable. Inquire of JOHN STERRITT & SON, Real Estate Agents, 43 North Diamond street, Allegheny. nol

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—THOROUGHLY ESTABLISHED and paying Newspaper. Address BUSINESS, care GAZETTE office. m69

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